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## Historic site could open by Christmas

A FORMER Sons of Rest building in Halesowen could be reopened to the community by Christmas after a group of campaigners signed a lease.

The historic building was closed by Dudley Council in 2012 and was earmarked for demolition, ahead of a planned sale of the site, before members of Hasbury Community Association stepped in to try to save it.

The group persuaded the council to keep the building, which was built in 1948 to honour Halesowen's war dead, before agreeing a 25-year lease.

Paperwork is still being finalised but association member and Councillor Donella Russell said she was hopeful the building could be open within the next two months.

"I'm hoping everything goes to plan and we can have a big opening party this side of Christmas - it would be wonderful.

"It's been an amazing year with the community all pulling together to first save the building and then work together on what it can be used for.

"We've had a fantastic response with more than 20 groups, from weight loss groups to art classes, coming forward and saying that they will use the building."

## Prince opens sixth form

THE Earl of Wessex was in West Bromwich yesterday (Wednesday) to open a sixth form college at the former Public Arts Centre.

Prince Edward was touring Central Sixth, the Sandwell College facility, meeting students and unveiling a plaque.

Principal Graham Pennington said: "The transformation of this unique building from an arts centre into a state-of-the-art sixth form centre has been part of a wonderful year for the college."

# FARMER'S PLEA TO CATCH THUG

## Landlady thanks locals for pub rescue



Cheers for your support — delighted licensee Loraine Mather is pictured outside the refurbished Swan Inn

THE landlady of a Halesowen pub reopened following a community campaign has been raising a glass to toast her first customers.

Lorraine Mather has been appointed licensee of the Swan Inn, in Long Lane, Halesowen, by new owners Black Country Ales.

The pub has re-opened following a refurbishment by the Lower Gornal-based micro-brewery, which took the site over from Punch Taverns earlier this year.

Before the sale, the former owners had unveiled plans to demolish the drinking venue and replace it with a

convenience store, despite opposition from locals.

However, the proposal was thrown out by Dudley Council last year after customers campaigned to save their local.

### Packed

Mrs Mather said: "Our opening night was packed from start to finish, everyone wanted to come in and see the pub they helped to save.

"You can't recognise the place from what it was like before, it is designed to be an old country style. We are really pleased with it."

The pub offers eight real ales, including three from Black Country Ales. A dartboard has been put up and there are plans for a pool table.

Mrs Mather said: "Creating a local pub with real ales sourced locally is something I believe the surrounding community will like."

Black Country Ales director Angus McMeeking said: "It is good to keep popular pubs like this open in the community."

When Punch Taverns closed the pub last year more than 700 people signed a petition to keep it open.

By Alex Ross

## A FARMER who suffered a broken nose and arm — and narrowly avoided losing an eye — in a brutal attack says he thought he was going to die.

The assault at Illey, near Halesowen, was so ferocious that police were shocked by the injuries to 71-year-old victim Robert Withers after he confronted a man acting suspiciously.

Mr Withers was hit with a metal object across the face and then repeatedly over the head.

Speaking for the first time since returning to his cattle and sheep farm, Mr Withers said the attack had left him apprehensive.

### Severe

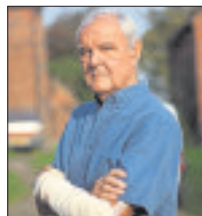
"He smashed me across the face and that put my right eye out of action straight away — at that point I thought I was going to die," he said. "This guy really wanted to do some damage to me.

"I've come home and have been recovering from what happened, while also trying to get back on with things like work at the farm. But something like this obviously has an impact on you."

Following the attack in the early hours of September 8, police have interviewed neighbours and trawled hours of CCTV in the area.

Detective Sergeant Leighton Shingles said: "The farmer's injuries were so severe, that at one point doctors feared he may lose an eye."

Mr Withers, now making a steady recovery, said he approached the man on his patio after spotting him through a kitchen window at about 5am.



Attack victim Robert Withers

The man told Mr Withers he had come to the property for a cigarette but then launched an assault after being told to leave by Mr Withers.

The farmer added: "I just hope the police can catch him because he could have quite easily have killed me that night. It was quite a terrifying experience."

Mr Withers believes the man had been scouting the area for a property to burgle. Despite his injuries he was able to phone for help.

Det Sgt Shingles added that the attacker was described as a stocky white man in his early forties.

"He was wearing a dark sleeveless bomber jacket over a check shirt and dark trousers. He also wore a hat and claimed to come from Bartley Green."

Call officers on 101.

## £3m arts centre to go forward at college

A £3 million performing arts centre will be built at Halesowen College after plans were approved by councillors — despite concerns raised by people living near the site.

Dozens of objections had been lodged against the proposals but councillors said it was vital the development went ahead to improve facilities for students.

The college has been struggling to provide enough space for the growing number of students taking performing arts courses. Some are currently having to travel off campus to use facilities at Benjamins, a function hall in the town centre.

The new centre would enable all classes to take place on the Whittingham Road site.

But the scheme concerned some residents living near the campus. In letters to the council, they fear surrounding roads will become clogged with cars as they already suffer nuisance parking. A total of 44 objections were lodged with the council.

Chairman of Dudley Council's planning committee Councillor Qadar Zada said the college would be asked to work with the community to address concerns raised by residents about problem parking.

## More attend sport venues

THE number of people using leisure centres in Sandwell is soaring.

There were around 1.6 million visits logged between April 2013 and March 2014 — up by six per cent on the previous year.

Staff say one of the reasons for the increase is the free swimming scheme launched last summer.

Around £38.5 million has been spent by Sandwell Council on building new leisure centres in Tipton, Oldbury and West Bromwich.

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# Driver reached 100mph in police chase

A MOTORIST from Halesowen hit 100mph in a 40mph zone when trying to escape police.

Dwayne Headley drove through two red lights and clipped a kerb before hitting a tree, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The 34-year-old had been involved in a non-stop accident half an hour earlier when he crashed into the side of a vehicle in Park Village on January 13.

Firearms officers in an unmarked police car later spotted the Volvo in Oxford Street, Bilston.

The Volvo accelerated up to 100mph during the two mile pursuit before crashing into a tree at the Patent Shaft traffic island in Wednesbury around 5.30am. Headley fled on foot but gave himself up after being warned: 'Armed police stand still.'

The defendant from Spiral Close, Halesowen, claimed that 'voices in his head' had made him drive so fast.

Mr Lee Egan, defending, said: "He has not committed any criminal offence for ten years and his last driving conviction was 16 years ago."

Headley had been held in custody for a month after being arrested for

failing to attend an earlier hearing of the case.

He admitted dangerous driving, failing to stop after an accident and breaching his bail. The defendant received a month in jail for the last of these, meaning he was released.

He was given a further 14 months prison suspended under supervision for two years and banned from driving for three years.

# Hundreds say no to scheme for waste

NEARLY 1,000 people have written to oppose plans for a waste recycling for energy plant in Brierley Hill.

A public consultation held by Dudley Council on Clean Power's proposal for the plant on land off Moor Street ended this week and the public's response is an overwhelming no.

Opposition campaign group Say No To Waste site says it has submitted 894 letters of objection from residents to the council. Other individuals and organisations, including Wordsley School, have joined the list of objectors.

The proposal will now be looked at by officers, who give their recommendation for a decision to the council's planning committee.

Objectors fear the facility will give off odours and create extra heavy vehicle traffic problems. The company has maintained there will be no odour from the site with their revised plan including air locks.

The proposal is for a waste plant to process around about 195,000 tons of domestic and commercial waste a year, creating energy for up to 10,000 homes and around 34 jobs.

Initial plans were refused by councillors last year.

## A bewitching choice of show

BRIERLEY Hill Musical Theatre Company are staging their production of musical black comedy The Witches of Eastwick.

Director Jez Luckins, of Stourbridge, said: "The show was originally released several years ago. It was then rewritten with new songs and this will be the regional premiere of that version."

It opens at Brierley Hill Civic Hall on Wednesday, October 8 at 7.30pm. Tickets from £15, online at [www.bhmte.co.uk](http://www.bhmte.co.uk) or call 0845 658 8195. The show is not suitable for younger children.

## Archive crafts

DUDLEY Archives and Local History Centre in Tipton Road hosts a craft fair on Saturday, October 18.

The free admission event, from 10am to 4pm, will feature a range of craft exhibits and demonstrations. Tours of the centre will be available on the day.

# Market gets green light for another year

A CRAFT and farmers' market will continue to operate in Halesowen after it was given approval for another year.

Bescot Promotions was granted consent for the 35-stall market in High Street at a licensing meeting of Dudley Council last week. Councillors were persuaded by the operators after they were told efforts were being made to bring more farm produce and arts and crafts stalls.

The move also received the backing of Halesowen Chamber of Trade, which had opposed the operation previously due to concern over the number of 'general' stalls.

The market will continue to operate on the second, fourth and fifth Saturday of the month.

Licensing boss Councillor Ken Finch said: "We granted the market approval on a number of conditions including restrictions on the movement of vehicles."

"The company assured us they were on look-out for more arts and crafts stalls to fill the market."

"From our impression, the market has served the town well and complemented shops. We hope it continues to do so and look forward to hearing of its future success."

Steve Evans, director of Bescot Promotions, said: "We will now strive to make the market better for the shoppers, traders and the town as a whole."

Mr Evans said the market had abided by rules set down by the council last year that no 'general' stalls were allowed.

He said: "What we are doing now is employing someone to work in sourcing more traders and that will continue to happen from now right up until Christmas and into the new year."

Wayne Edwards, chairman of Halesowen Chamber of Trade, said Mr Evans had listened to their concerns and acted upon them.

## Festival is a cut above the rest



Canal enthusiasts Steve Bingham and Gavin Lawson enjoy a cuppa during the festival

THOUSANDS of people flocked to the banks of Dudley Canal for a biannual festival. Visitors to Parkhead Canal Festival sampled the sounds and smells of old-fashioned Black Country life across the two-day event this weekend.

There was also a special touch to the event this year as it celebrated 50 years of Dudley Canal Trust. More than 70 boats covered the water at Blowers Green Pump-house, while there was craft stalls and vintage cars and steam engines.

Steve Bingham, chair of the organising committee, said: "We've had thousands of visitors and thankfully we've had some lovely weather. The show has been a huge success overall."

One of the major attractions was a horse-drawn boat, while the Dudley Duck Race also brought smiles to faces.

Mr Bingham said: "People have been commenting that they have had a great day. We run this every two years and this is our seventh festival now."

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## Work has started on £1.9m bus station

WORK was starting on a £1.9 million overhaul to Cradley Heath bus station this week as public transport bosses reveal plans for temporary bus stops in the town.

New passenger information and improved waiting areas will be created during the transformation of the interchange, next to the town's railway station.

The work is being paid for through the Better Bus Area Fund, a £10 million pot to improve public transport in Dudley.

The site, in Forge Lane, was closing this week for work that is scheduled to be completed in the new year.

Cradley Heath railway station and Park and Ride will remain open and passengers will still be able to use the ticket office during opening hours.

Temporary bus stops will be in operation while the adjoining railway station will continue to operate as normal.

Two temporary stops will be set up in Forge Lane with another in Lower High Street to cope with services re-directed from the station.

Both Forge Lane stops will have shelters according to officials at Centro, the public transport co-ordinator.

## Body found in a Coseley flat

EMERGENCY services were called to a Coseley property after the body of a pensioner was found.

Police cars and an ambulance could be seen outside the flat near McDonald's on Birmingham New Road at the weekend. The body of a man in his 70s was found but police are not treating the death as suspicious. It is believed he may have died from carbon monoxide poisoning. Inspector Phil Jones said: "The Health and Safety Executive have been informed but at this stage the death is not being treated as suspicious."

## Chip shop arrests

TWO men were arrested after a car smashed into a chip shop in Dudley following a police chase.

Power tools believed to have been thrown from the vehicle before the crash happened at Goodies in Tansey Green Road, Pensnett, have been recovered by police.

# Region must build on industrial history – Duke



The Duke of York visits the Express & Star

THE Black Country is the 'bedrock' of British manufacturing and its expertise must never be forgotten, the Duke of York has declared.

Prince Andrew made the comments during a visit to our sister daily the Express & Star, where he backed the Ladder for the Black Country campaign drawn up to help thousands of youngsters get a job by creating apprenticeships.

He said it was a 'local solution' to a national youth unemployment problem and said the region should build on its proud industrial history.

"The Black Country has been at the centre of manufacturing right from the get-go of the industrial revolution," he said. "It has not lost that position – it has perhaps felt it is forgotten. But it must never forget it has been that bedrock and has that knowledge, has that experience, and it has that capability."

His Royal Highness is the patron of the Ladder for the Black Country campaign which is urging businesses to take on an apprentice and for young people to grab the opportunity of a paid work-based training scheme. The campaign got off to a flying

start, creating 100 jobs in just seven days. The Black Country has the worst rates of youth unemployment in the country.

Backed by the Duke the Express & Star has teamed up with the Vine Trust, a charity already helping to get young people into work, to create new apprenticeships.

Training provider Performance Through People (PTP), the Black Country Chamber of Commerce, and Ikea Wednesbury are also leading partners. Businesses and apprentices can call the Ladder for Black Country hotline on 0332409699 or go to ladderfortheblackcountry.co.uk

# Passenger, 86, died after bus went over speed hump

## AN ELDERLY woman from Rowley Regis died after falling on a bus after it went over a speed hump, an inquest heard.

Dorothy Plant had just got onto the bus in Wednesday when she lost her balance when going to find a seat on the single decker. The 86-year-old fell backwards hitting a step causing a 'significant head injury'.

An inquest held at Smethwick Coroner's Court heard that she was conscious in the immediate aftermath.

The pensioner who had been on the number 40 bus between West Bromwich and Wednesbury was taken to Sandwell Hospital.

She had suffered a fractured skull. Her condition following the accident on November 4 deteriorated and she died five days later. The inquest at Smethwick Coroner's Court was told Mrs Plant had boarded the bus in Coronation Road, Wednesbury.

Driver Lee Whitehouse said Mrs Plant had walked unaided towards the back of the vehicle and he saw her go to grab hold a pole as he set off. He had only travelled yards when he had to negotiate a speed hump and the bus rocked, it was then she appeared to swing round, fall, and hit her head.

Mr Whitehouse told the hearing he was made aware of what had happened by passengers, stopped, and called the control centre. Emergency services then arrived.

Coroner Zafar Siddique recorded a verdict of accidental death on Mrs Plant, of Queens Drive. He said: "She suffered a significant head injury. It was clear from the CCTV footage that was seen this could not have been avoided given the situation."

National Express said: "Our thoughts are with Mrs Plant's family."

## Shocked

The three-year-old girl was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital where she arrived in a critical condition, while her grandmother was taken to Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital with a fractured leg.

The driver of the car, a man in his 70s, was voluntarily interviewed at the scene.

Richard Mason, headteacher at Milking Bank Primary School, said: "We are extremely shocked and saddened by Monday's incident and all of our thoughts are with the young girl and her family."

## Newly-weds will take centre stage



Adam and Liz Compton, who are the leads in Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society's next production

A NEWLY-MARRIED couple will take to the stage for the first time together as husband and wife in a new production in Brierley Hill.

Adam and Liz Compton are the leads in Cradley Heath Amateur Operatic Society's (Chaos) production of Mack and Mabel at the Civic Hall.

The show centres on the romantic relationship between Hollywood director Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand, who became one of his biggest stars.

The pair performed opposite each other in A Christmas Carol in 2012 when they played the Cratchits, but this will be the first time they have played lead roles together.

Mr Compton joined the company in 2008 for Chaos's centenary production of South Pacific, while Mrs Compton has been a long-time member of the group and performed with them as a child. The pair were married at Himley Hall on July 26.

"They met during rehearsals and it

was obvious that they were going to get together right from the start," said Paul Murdock, a committee member, who plays Hollywood film director Frank Capra in the production.

The society has been performing at the Civic Hall for 50 years and last year won the Birmingham and District Theatre Guild's award for its production of Me and My Girl.

Mack and Mabel runs from November 5 to 11. For tickets call Brierley Hill Civic Hall on 0121 585 7380.

## Hospital to stop hot lunch meals

LAMB hotpots and steak and kidney pie will no longer be on the lunch menu for Sandwell Hospital patients as bosses bid to save more than £120,000.

Dishes such as gammon in parsley sauce and vegetarian curries will also be off the lunchtime menu. Instead patients will be offered soup, sandwiches, salad and jacket potatoes as a replacement midday meal following a review.

Chefs will still cook a hot meal for patients on evenings under the scheme, revealed by Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust.

## Thoughtless pet owners face fines

DOZENS of dog owners in Dudley are being slapped with £50 fines for failing to clear up after their pets with the majority of them caught in three parks.

Over the past two financial years, a total of 111 people were given penalties by Dudley Council.

More than 10 were stopped at the Wrens Nest Nature Reserve, seven each at King George V Park in Wordsley and Buffery Park in Dudley. Wardens also handed out fines in Leasowes Park.

## Hospice shop is open for business

A NEW clearance store which will help raise funds for a West Midlands hospice has opened its doors.

Compton Hospice, which is based in Wolverhampton, has opened the new base on the High Street in Cradley Heath. Shoppers can buy 10 items for £10.

The shop is open from 9am until 3.55pm between Monday and Saturday.

For more information call 0845 2255 497.

## Harvest festival fair and service

A HARVEST Festival will be held at St Francis Church on Saturday from 11am to 2pm.

The event at the church in Laurel Road, Dudley, will include stalls, tombolas, raffles and games, with refreshments available. Money raised will go to church funds. The following day the Harvest Festival service is at 11am.

## Poet at the library

POET Liz Berry will be reading some of her work in Gornal Library this afternoon (Thursday). The Sedgley-born poet will be at the Abbey Road venue in Lower Gornal from 2.30pm.

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STILL on grub, is there any difference between that new restaurant phenomenon "pulled pork" and what we used to call grossly overcooked pork?

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**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Campaigners call for 50p booze price hike

**A RISE in drink-related deaths across Dudley has prompted health bosses to call for a minimum unit price for alcohol at shops in the borough.**

Heath officials want a 50p minimum price to be introduced on a voluntary basis as council bosses work with businesses owners to combat alcohol misuse.

They claim alcohol is playing a role in violent crime, domestic violence and anti-social behaviour.

But Government ministers have resisted calls to table new laws to legislate for a minimum price.

It comes as figures reveal 142 people have died across Dudley borough from alcohol-related health problems in the latest figures available between 2009 and 2011.

### Strategy

Over the same period approximately 2,090 people died of related conditions in the West Midlands and there were 15,918 estimated deaths in England.

Public health bosses in Dudley say the increase in the death rates has slowed to one per cent year-on-year and they have now drawn up a three year alcohol strategy.

It was being unveiled at the Heath and Well Being Board meeting this week at St Thomas's Community Network, Dudley.

Valerie Little, who is di-

**By Andrew Turton**

rector for public health in Dudley, says they were advocating a minimum pricing level as part of a measures to bring further reductions to the death rate.

In the report she said: "The real change that would make the biggest difference is to tackle the affordability and availability of cheap alcohol."

"Advocating for a 50p minimum unit price would deliver noticeable health gains for those that consume large amounts of cheap alcohol."

She added: "Dudley has higher than regional and national rates of premature mortality from alcohol specific conditions and whilst the rate of male mortality has decreased slightly, the rate of premature mortality for females has increased."

## Shortlisted for fitness award



Hayley Birch did not let epilepsy stop her fitness plan

AS a teenager Hayley Birch was told she would not be able to fulfil her dream of a career in fitness with the Army due to her epilepsy.

But she was still determined to pursue her passion for all things fitness.

She went on to become a personal trainer and now the 31-year-old from Halesowen is celebrating after being shortlisted for an international fitness award.

Hayley, who works as a personal trainer at Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Cradley Heath, is in the Life Fitness personal trainers to watch competition. She was nominated for her passion and dedication to her career.

Hayley is now waiting to hear if she has been selected as one of the ten finalists by the panel of Life Fitness judges for the final in New York.

"I am thrilled to have been shortlisted and being selected from over 1,500 applicants across the globe is quite an achievement. Receiving an award for something I enjoy would be incredible and would mean that all the hard work has truly paid off," she said.

## Parking to be festive gift for shoppers

SHOPPERS will be given a festive boost with free car parking on weekends leading up to Christmas.

Both Dudley and Sandwell councils have revealed plans to suspend charges for motorists at council-run car parks in the boroughs.

Dudley Council plans to suspend parking charges on the December 6, 13 and 20 on all council controlled car parks.

Officials believe the suspension of charges could result in up to £26,000 of potential income being lost. But they believe that losses will be reduced due to extra takings generated during the remainder of the week throughout the busy Christmas period resulting in a net shortfall nearer £13,000.

A final decision by the council is due soon.

Sandwell Council have revealed that it plans to allow free parking on off street car parks on the two Saturdays before Christmas.

Transport lead councillor Maria Crompton, said: "We will be having free parking on the two Saturdays before Christmas at off street council car parks."

"We hope this will encourage people to stay and shop in our town centres and help traders during the Christmas shopping period."

She added: "Parking in our car parks is already free on Sundays."

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## Olympic winner's gym club hits snag

THE gymnastics club which put Olympic bronze medal-winner Kristian Thomas on the road to success is continuing to look for bigger premises after another set-back in its search for a new home.

Earls Gymnastics Club in Halesowen suffered a major blow last year when its plan to create a centre for members at the former Wheel Spin go-karting track in Dudley Road fell through at the final stage.

This summer bosses had hopes for the former Comet store in Dudley Road in Halesowen but motorcycle retailers, Streetbike, agreed a deal for the building.

Club chairman Jon Caulwell said he was desperate to find a new home but faced a dilemma in finding a site within three miles of Halesowen town centre.

He said: "One of the problems we have got is finding a suitable warehouse in the Halesowen where we can get planning permission for a change of use. Luckily, the Earls High School, where we are based, have been very sympathetic to our cause and have accommodated us as well as they can."

The club has 700 members with a long waiting list.

Kristian Thomas, of Wednesfield, trains at the club two or three times a week. He scooped bronze in the team event at London 2012.

# Traffic calming scheme is planned for busy road

**ACTION will be taken to tackle speeding drivers along a busy road in Cradley Heath following a spate of accidents, including one in which a great-grandfather died.**

Both residents and councillors have raised concerns about the safety of Barrs Road.

Council plans have now been drawn up to revamp the 30mph road to lessen the risk to pedestrians and motorists. These include narrowing the road in some places.

The road has a history of accidents and last year retired bricklayer Bernard Betts, aged 85, from Cradley Heath, was knocked down while walking his dog.

A survey carried out by the council showed drivers were travelling at speeds of up to 38mph near Woodland Rise and 35mph near Trejon Road.

Changes to the road will include the renewal of yellow lines, new signage and a narrowing of the road in some places by extending kerbs.

Some residents say they were originally against the plans but are now supporting the changes.

Mrs Annette Mole, who lives opposite a part of the road where a car overturned recently, said: "My original problem was with a refuge they were planning to put in the middle of the road, which would have caused havoc."

By Charlie Benton

"They have changed the plans now so I don't have a problem with them anymore. The road does need to be slower as people come down it much too fast."

Some residents are still unhappy with the plans.

One resident, who did not want to be named said: "I signed an objection by another resident and I still object to it because I'm still not sure what the plans are."

"To their credit some planning officials have been out but when we asked for a crossing, which was the most important thing to us, they said no, it was too expensive."

Highways boss Councillor Maria Crompton said: "We are going ahead with the plans to introduce traffic calming measures along Barrs Road. We have tried to accommodate the wishes of residents as best we can."

## Academy turning over a new leaf



Artist Luke Perry from Wollaston with pupils Suzi Smitherman and Ria Johal admiring engraved leaves

EVERY child, teacher and governor at a school in the Black Country has had their name engraved on a steel petal as part of an unique artwork.

Each petal has then been attached to a metal tree sculpture to mark the change of status at Cradley Heath's Timbertree Primary School to an academy.

The £5,000 project has been created by Black Country artist Luke Perry, while the children have been helping to stamp their names on the petals.

Objects such as fairies and footballs also decorate the trunk of the tree.

Headteacher Hayley Walker said: "It was decided to celebrate the school and the people by having the names of everybody on the petals."

"I believe it has galvanised the school and brought everyone together."

The metal oak tree rests against a school building. It is 11ft high and has more than 200 petals attached to its branches.

There is space for more branches to add additional names to the tree.

Ms Walker added: "I'm really pleased because it has got the whole school involved."

The school turned into an academy last year, giving the school more freedom over its budget and the curriculum.

Ms Walker said: "We were one of the first primary schools in the area to make the move. We all look forward to a bright future."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Players backing brain research

FORMER footballers are urged to come forward to help research into head injuries.

Players' union, The Professional Footballers Association, has announced it was carrying out the research following calls from the family of West Bromwich Albion legend Jeff Astle.

Tests confirmed that the Baggies hero died in 2002 from the same disease which is found in brain-damaged ex-boxers.

The union urged families of former players who have died from a form of degenerative brain disease or those living with such a condition to help with research. A spokesman said: "The PFA has campaigned, and will continue to do so, on health and safety issues for its members"

### McDonald's gets a hi-tech revamp

TEN new jobs are to be created in Oldbury as fast food chain McDonald's carries out a six-figure revamp to a restaurant next to a busy junction.

The restaurant at Birchley Island, off Wolverhampton Road, was closed earlier this month for refurbishment.

Bosses, who are looking to recruit 10 extra staff, say the restaurant will reopen on Friday, October 10.

Dining tables in the restaurant will include built in computer tablets, while the eating area will have comfortable seating and free Wi-Fi.

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## IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

FOLLOWING the Scottish referendum and the promise of 'devo max' north of the border, there are calls now for greater devolution in England, with more power being given to the region.

Certainly, it sounds great in theory. After all, who wouldn't rather be governed by people who think and speak like them, rather than a remote metropolitan elite? A bit of Black Country commonsense would be the perfect counter-balance to the trendy London values we always seem to have imposed on us at the moment.

However, 40 years after Westminster trampled on centuries of history by forcing a new county on the people of this area – the little-lamented West Midlands County Council – we should all be sceptical about any plans for another regional assembly in this neck of the woods.

What would inevitably happen is that government apparatchiks will spend millions dreaming up some equally abstract 'city region' centred on Birmingham, where the London metropolitan elite will be replaced by a new, equally remote Birmingham metropolitan elite forcing its own equally bizarre ideas on us all.

Meanwhile, our great historic towns and cities will be reduced to the role of suburbs to the great Brummie metropolis.

As a true Black Country mon, it has been galling to see the way local and central government functionaries have taken it upon themselves to redefine our area along the lines of four local authority boundaries, which themselves were dreamt up in 1974. More regional government will surely only mean more of the same.

If we are serious about devolution in Britain, how about the ruling classes stop trying to define our identities for us? And instead of horse trading among local authorities, why don't our local authorities stick to solely representing the areas they serve? Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and West Brom are, each, in their own right, some of the biggest towns in Britain. Real devolution would surely mean giving them the confidence to stand on their own two feet.

And while they're at it, they could make a start by restoring their status within the traditional ceremonial counties of Staffordshire and Worcestershire.

CELEBRITY benefit claimant Josie Cunningham has hit out at the father of her new-born baby. According to the would-be glamour model and former prostitute, she was duped by the man who told her he was footballer Curtis Davies, but actually turned out to be an imposter.

She thinks she was duped? She ought to try being an Aston Villa fan. We paid Albion £10 million for a man claiming to be Curtis Davies. And he couldn't play football either.



Eve Billingham and her son, Arthur



Nigel's grandmother Mary Priest



Nigel's mother Iris Brazier, in 1964



Nigel as a younger man, with faggots

# Have our faggots met their maker?

**DANIEL WAINWRIGHT** looks at the potential demise of a traditional Black Country foodstuff

**HAVE we seen the last of the proper Black Country faggot?**

When Nigel Brazier's family-run shop shut after 125 years he took the recipe for good old-fashioned pork faggots with him.

Now the 64-year-old has found a buyer for The Cook Shop in Old Hill – and it will be nothing whatsoever to do with food.

Mr Brazier, who closed the Halesowen Road business and put it up for sale for £120,000 because he wanted to retire, is writing a book about his shop's history and pledges to include a recipe with every chapter, including for his faggots.

And these were good faggots too, Mr Brazier says. There were people queuing up for them on the final Saturday before his shop closed.

"I think we were the last of the cook shops selling faggots in the Black Country," he says.

To be absolutely clear, Mr Brazier is not suggesting his shop was the last in the Black Country to make faggots.

Plenty of butchers and others make them too. The Cook Shop, however, sold other groceries. People would get their soup and their sugar along with their meat.

Even so, he thinks the art of proper faggot making is dying out.

"You sometimes see chefs come up with new recipes and they're putting all sorts of things in them – garlic, half a dozen herbs, red wine.

"These recipes date back to the 1800s. Black Country housewives didn't have red wine to pour into their faggots. If they had it, they'd drink it.

"The faggot is a way of using other bits of pig you couldn't put anywhere



Last days – Nigel Brazier with senior sales assistant Diane Cooper

else. You could use everything from a pig bar its squeal."

The recipes in his book have been written for decades. What the public will have to wait for is the story of The Cook Shop and the generations who got it through the First and Second World Wars.

Mr Brazier has been in the shop his whole life. He helped his mother Iris out when he was a boy, during the

He will now enjoy retirement with wife Anne. Their four sons have all found careers of their own and live in Exeter, Sheffield, Lancaster and the Lake District.

So the recipes will have to be something people use at home instead of buying from The Cook Shop.

"When it comes to the recipes, 'simple' should be tattooed over the heart," says Mr Brazier.

"If you put anything other than simple ingredients in a faggot it might taste good but it ceases to be a Black Country faggot."

"It's the same when it comes to Black Country bread pudding."

Mystery surrounds the identity of the person buying The Cook Shop.

"It will be an entirely different business," says Mr Brazier, from Clent, near Stourbridge. "It's nothing to do with food. The buyer wants it kept under wraps."

## Challenge

And it could be another 12 months before the book is written and released so people can have a go at making the faggots for themselves. There is what sounds like a challenge to other faggot makers to prove they can keep the proper Black Country faggots going.

"When we closed we served 300 to 400 people on the Saturday mornings," Mr Brazier says.

"I don't think there's anyone else out there doing what we did.

"Black Country food is simple. That's its secret and that's its beauty.

"It's in the way the ingredients are all brought together.

"We closed a successful business.

"The reason we survived so long was we created a niche market for ourselves.

"No-one, or at least very few others, did it like we did.

"People wanted to come here."

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## WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

THEY say politics is show business for ugly people. Cruel and uncalled for as that may be, if there's a sliver of truth in it then the party conference season must be the equivalent of the V Festival.

It's Birmingham's turn to host the Tories again with the promise of a £17 million boost for the economy as a result. This, if anything, is the big one.

Here's the senior party in Government, rallying its troops en masse for the final big autumn gathering before the General Election.

"Go back to your constituencies and prepare for government," said no-one who ever actually made it in to government (it was David Steel in 1981).

So the conference needs to be a carefully worded plea to the electorate as well as a way to unite the party.

Ed Miliband's speech to the Labour conference in Manchester was certainly not his finest hour. Forgetting to mention the deficit and immigration – two of the reasons voters turned against the party in 2010 – was a serious gaffe.

Labour may be ahead in the opinion polls but typically that gap narrows the closer we get to General Elections as voters opt for the status quo.

None of this gives David Cameron room for complacency. He faces the fight of his life to stay in power and the West Midlands is going to be essential.

Labour seats in the Black Country and Staffordshire fell to the Tories in 2010 but the political map looks very different today. For a start, Cannock Chase and Dudley South will both get a new MP regardless of who wins. Aidan Burley and Chris Kelly, two of the 2010 intake, are standing down.

Their replacements as candidates do not have the benefit of incumbency. Nor will they have had much time to get to know their constituencies.

Then there is the 'grass roots' support. When Mr Cameron came to power, three out of the four Black Country councils were controlled by the Tories.

Now they're all Labour again. And in Sandwell there is just a single Conservative councillor.

Don't forget Ukip either. In Cannock Chase, the Tories are third behind them.

In opposition in councils, the Tories don't have a record to stand by, for better or worse.

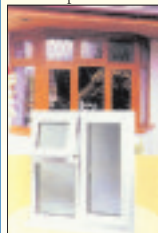
Labour, however, is making cuts it says go against the very reason many of its councillors went into public service but get to blame everything on the Government.

There will be pledges, promises and policies that come out of Tory party conference, all of which will be aimed at getting us to see the Conservatives as safe pairs of hands. The one they'll want us to remember may as well be borrowed from Bill Clinton's campaign: "It's the economy, stupid."

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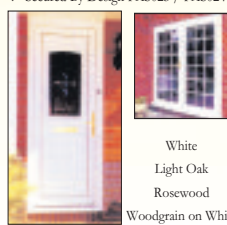
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# Referendum to decide mosque issue

**THERE is a new proposal from Dudley Muslim Association with a new design for development at the Hall Street site in Dudley.**

This issue has been dragging on for many years now with hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of taxpayers' money spent on legal battles. More importantly the issue has created social division and ill feeling, passions still run high. The politicians have failed dismally to deal with this matter and it is time for a new approach.

UKIP policy is for controversial local planning issues to go to a referendum. Local residents should have their say.

The costs of such a referendum would be as nothing compared to the money already spent on legal battles and potential future expense. This would draw a line under the matter and stop any more lawyers filling their wallets at the expense of Dudley taxpayers.

The political parties and Dudley Muslim Association should sign up to an agreement to abide by the will of the people.

I personally believe that the status quo is unacceptable and the present Dudley Mosque is not fit for purpose. However, how the situation changes should be decided by the people of Dudley. If they vote against the Hall Street development it should be an end to the matter and more acceptable solutions looked into.

Let us lead the way in Dudley through a referendum which, I believe, would be the first of its kind in the UK. Let the people decide.

**BILL ETHERIDGE MEP  
Sedgley**

## Police cuts yet crime going down

**IT has finally come out.**

Home Secretary Theresa May and this coalition government have with their austerity cuts lost 16,000 police officers in four years — and she has the audacity to say crime is down.

It's down because the cash-strapped police are no longer attending to break-ins, burglary and car thefts.

Is this the security that the coalition government are now offering to the victims of these crimes?

What has this country come to with regards to people's security?

This surely is going to mean vigilante groups starting up. It is going to be absolutely catastrophic.

I say roll on next May when the people of this country can vote with their feet.

We have surely had enough of this coalition government.

**B WHITEHOUSE  
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## Devolving power is easier said than done

**FOLLOWING the result of Scotland's referendum, the relief on Mr Cameron's face was plain for all to see.**

Striding out with confidence and cross-party support he announced a complete overhaul of the constitution not only in Scotland, but also in England. He proudly proclaimed his intentions for devolving power to the regions in England.

What a marvellous new idea, but is it really new?

Rewind to 1966. The Labour Government introduced semi-autonomous metropolitan regional councils to oversee common services such as health, education, highways, police, fire brigades, waste management, etc.

The metropolitan regions were abolished by the Thatcher government during the 1980s. The official reason was that regional councils were a costly and unnecessary layer of government. I believe that they were abolished because most of them returned Labour control in elections. With Maggie being the megalomaniac she was, she couldn't accept any form of socialism, democratic or not. I wonder how permanent Mr Cameron's attempts will be if those elected also oppose his views?

**M CLIFF  
Wall Heath**

## Don't get silly about smokers

**I WRITE in the response to the rather silly, sanctimonious letter from N Wilkinson saying that employers should sack all employees who smoke.**

She states that she and her husband have never smoked. Bully for her.

Who cares? And as she gives their ages as 30 and 25 it should come as no great surprise that her five children do not waste their money on smoking.

As for comments about people smoking outside of their work premises who is she to say what they should and should not do on their rest breaks?

So who is next to be sacked?

Women wearing gallons of cheap perfume? Cheese and onion crisp eaters?

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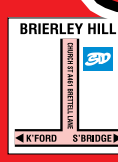
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# Tributes are paid to a guardian of the canals

TRIBUTES have been pouring in for a waterways campaigner who helped preserve Midlands waterways.

Vic Smallshire, who was a founder of Dudley Canal Trust, has died aged 69 after a battle against cancer.

He was a leading figure in helping to establish the trust in the face of concerns over the future of the Dudley canal tunnels.

In his younger days he helped build a small boat, the Aurora, with his father William. The boat was often seen journeying on the Black Country canal network.

## Surveyor

Mr Smallshire was born in Bradley, Bilston, and worked for the National Coal Board as a mine surveyor at Bagderidge Colliery. He had also worked at a water utility company as chief surveyor.

When Mr Smallshire was stopped from taking his boat into the Dudley canal tunnel by officials, this sparked a bid to save the tunnel, mothballed in 1962. It reopened in 1973 after restoration by volunteers.

Chairman of Dudley Canal Trust (Trips) Ltd, Jeff Luesley, said: "It was down to his drive and initiative that the former British Transport Commission's plans to close Dudley Tunnel and adjoining waterways were thwarted with the foundation of Dudley Canal Tunnel Preservation Society, soon to become the Dudley Canal Trust. The trust reopened the tunnel and its associated limestone mines and caverns and created what was to become one of the Black Country's leading industrial tourism spots with upwards of 80,000 visitors a year."

Mr Smallshire is survived by his three children, Robert, Ian and Heather and four grandchildren. His wife Joy died in 1996.



Drive and initiative — Dudley Canal Trust's Vic Smallshire



The homemade family boat Aurora on the canal in the 1960s

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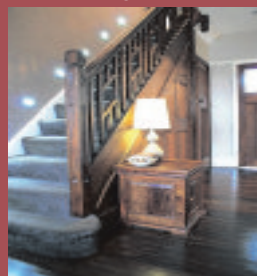
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Borough's MPs back  
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DUDLEY'S MPs have joined others in Parliament in voting to send war planes on bombing raids over Iraq in an effort to halt the advance of Islamic State.

Ian Austin, Labour MP for Dudley North, questioned why the Government was not prepared to target Syria as well, as terrorists could cross the border to escape.

Stourbridge Conservative Margot James warned there was 'no doubt' that Islamic State, also known as ISIS and ISIL, would 'turn their sights on western targets' if allowed to succeed.

## Campaign

MPs voted by 524 to 43 — a majority of 481 — to endorse attacks on the militants in Iraq in support of a United States-led coalition. Labour backed the Government.

There was concern that the vote, 11 years after the invasion of Iraq, would put Britain into another long military campaign. But there was also criticism that targets in Syria were being excluded.

Mr Austin said: "I believe that we should have acted sooner to support those among the rebels who want democracy and human rights."

Miss James said: "We are dealing with a growing army of medieval barbarians who have the most modern 21st century military equipment at their disposal."

"The methods are so barbaric, the manpower and financial resources are so substantial that other regional powers are not a match for them without western support."

Halesowen and Rowley Regis MP James Morris and Dudley South MP Chris Kelly voted for air strikes.

## Reunited by The Chronicle



Reunited thanks to an article — Cameron Craig and Jill Bennett

A HEADTEACHER is making plans to tie the knot with her childhood sweetheart after an article in The Chronicle brought memories of their school days flooding back.

Jill Bennett and Cameron Craig were seven when they became friends at the then Priory Infants and Junior School. They dated for 12 months as teenagers before their lives took different paths.

Fast forward 25 years and Jill was thrust into the role of acting head at Priory Primary School after it was placed into special measures follow-

ing an Ofsted report. She steered the school back onto the right track.

Dudley North MP Ian Austin wrote about Jill's success for The Chronicle and when Cameron spotted the piece he thought he would try to renew their friendship.

The couple got together 12 months ago and plan to marry on August 9 next year at Himley Hall. Both had been married before. Jill has two children, Alex, 21, a teacher, and 18-year-old Megan studying for a nursing degree at Birmingham University.

Arcade's  
toy shop  
on brink  
of closure

A LANDMARK toy shop will close down after almost half a century serving the families of Dudley unless a buyer steps forward.

The owner of Arcade Toy Shop is selling up due to the £200,000 revamp of the Fountain Arcade shopping centre.

Alan Caswell said the work will cause too much upheaval to the layout of his shop and he will bow out in the new year.

Mr Caswell, aged 61, said he hopes a buyer will come forward to save the business from disappearing.

Fountain Arcade is being restored to its former glory and heritage architects want to bring its well-known white entrance off Stone Street back to how it would have looked in its 1920s heyday. But the scheme includes reinstalling a long disused doorway that directly entered the toy shop.

Mr Caswell, who runs the business at 30-34 Fountain Arcade with sister Lynne, said the changes would be drastic. Despite this, he says he understands the work is vital to the regeneration of the town centre.

"All the people who have come to the shop have been totally loyal to Dudley and loyal to the shop so I can only thank them from the bottom of my heart," added Mr Caswell.

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Graeme French and his son Timothy from Adelaide in the Bean 14 motorcar



Graeme French from Adelaide at the wheel of the Bean 14



Where it all began — the family snap of the Woodalls their car on holiday in 1925

# Family's 10,000-mile trip for a reunion with a 1920s motorcar

IT'S a treasured family photograph — a family of four enjoying a holiday in Wales in their shiny new convertible classic car.

And the snap, from the 1920s, has led one family to make a 10,000-mile journey from their home in Australia to see that very same car almost nearly 100 years later.

The classic Bean 14 belonged to the grandfather of Graeme French, aged 77, who last week travelled from Adelaide with his son Timothy to the Black Country Living Museum, which became the car's home in the 1970s when it was restored.

The black and white picture of the car, which would have been made in one of Bean's factories in Dudley and Coseley, shows a relaxed-looking Thomas Woodall, then managing director of an iron and steel works, reading a newspaper. He is with his son Wilfred, in the driver's seat, his other son Eric and daughter Winifred, who sit behind him looking at the photographer.

## MEMORY LANE

By Alex Ross

Winifred was Mr French's mother and the photograph was passed on to him, but he never expected to see that fancy car again, let alone take a ride in it.

### Restoration

Mr French was born in Australia after his mother emigrated in 1929.

He received a newspaper cutting at his Australian home in the 1970s showing a story about the restoration of the Bean 14 his grandfather purchased for £395 in about 1924.

Mr French, a retired financial advisor, then organised to see the car at its new home at the Black Country Living Museum during a visit to the country in the 1990s.

Last week he returned with his son Timothy to take another look at the vehicle and to take it on a ride around the museum

grounds. Holding the old family picture of the car, he said: "It's a real beauty, isn't it?"

"It has been wonderful for me to find my grandfather's car. It had always been a vehicle I'd look at through the picture and admired, but never thought I'd see it and go in it myself."

He believes the photograph was taken in the north Wales seaside resort of Rhyl and is thought to be about a year after his grandfather purchased the car.

Bean Cars brought out the Bean 14 model in 1923, making about 4,000 up to 1929. There is thought to only be about 200 to 300 in working order today.

The number 14 reflected the horsepower of the engine, which was used to tax the car, with £1 a year for each horsepower value.

The car has four gears and drives at about 45 mph comfortably. It has black leather seats.

Mr French said: "When my grandfather purchased the car he was living in Stanmore Road in Edgbaston — there were only two other cars in the road at the time, so

it was quite a sight for the neighbours and the family remembered it well. But with my grandfather's ill health I think it then got left in a lock-up garage and then under my grandmother's ownership was lost.

"I'd often see the picture of the car when growing up and marvel at it, but never did I think I would see it, until aunt sent me an article cutting about the same car being restored. I could not believe it.

"The story was about the car being found and so when I came next to England in the 1990s I made a point of seeing it. Seeing it working was amazing — it completed the picture for me and felt special getting inside it."

Mr French's son, Timothy, 45, a chartered accountant, said: "It's a fabulous car which is special to our family."

Bean cars were manufactured between 1919 and 1929, in the early 1920s they out-sold Austin and Morris vehicles. But the success was short-lived, when one design was released with faults, it led to a drop in sales and car production ceased in 1929.



Bean Cars office staff at their Dudley headquarters



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# Keep busy to live a long life says Florence, age 105

HER ambition was to reach 100 but great-grandmother Florence Jeffries has beaten her target by five years.

The great-grandmother turned 105 last week and celebrated with her friends and family at The Cherries Residential Home in Wall Heath.

Her son, Bryan, said the secret to her longevity was that she had never smoked and rarely drank alcohol but would treat herself to a tipple to celebrate.

## Husband

Born in Wolverhampton, Mrs Jeffries attended Woden Road School until she was 14. She helped her father deliver bread at his bakery until she joined Eveready Battery Company, in Park Lane, and worked as a battery maker.

She had met her husband, Fred,

before the Second World War but he spent the majority of the conflict in India. The pair married when he returned in 1946 and had two sons, Bryan, 64 and David, 63.

Mrs Jeffries has two grandchildren, Louise, 40, and Sarah, 37, and one great-grandchild, Sophie, who is seven.

Mr Jeffries said his mother kept fit by keeping herself busy.

He said: "She's quite frail now. She lived on her own until she was 97, she only moved here in 2008. Unfortunately she broke her hip and she doesn't get out much any more but she really enjoys living here."

The owner of the residential home has a vintage car and took Mrs Jeffries out in it for a ride.

Mrs Jeffries had two sisters, Alice and Mel, who both lived well into their 80s.



Florence Jeffries celebrates her 105th birthday with her son, Bryan, and daughter-in-law, Shirley

# More than 1,000 use Help to Buy

MORE than 1,000 people across the Black Country, Staffordshire and Wyre Forest have bought home through the Help to Buy scheme.

Wolverhampton had the largest number of people put down a deposit of as little as five per cent on the price of their home, receiving loans from the taxpayer of up to 20 per cent of the purchase cost.

The city saw 206 people take out an equity loan between April 2013 and the end of August 2014.

In Sandwell it was 195 and in Dudley it was 183. There were 157 people who used Help to Buy loans in Walsall and 147 in Cannock Chase.

In Lichfield it was 88 and in Wyre Forest it was 69. Stafford saw 54 loans and South Staffordshire had 19.

Almost 53,000 households have bought a home in England through Help to Buy, according to housing and planning minister Brandon Lewis.

Nearly 80 per cent of sales have gone to first time buyers, with almost 70 per cent being for new build homes.

Mr Lewis said it had prompted the sharpest increase in private housebuilding starts for 40 years.

# Man died six weeks after his suicide bid

**A FORMER miner died after suffering complications after he shot himself in a suicide attempt, an inquest heard.**

Donald Jones had a metal plate in his face after shooting himself with a shotgun at his home in Gornal, on April 9, over fears he was falling ill.

The following month, the 80-year-old attended Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital with severe haemorrhaging

behind the plate, and later went into cardiac arrest. After several attempts to resuscitate him, he was pronounced dead on May 23.

Kelvin Jones, Mr Jones' son, said his father had an appointment at the hospital the day after he shot himself.

His son said: "He thought there was something the matter with him because he had been passing blood.

## Stubborn

"He'd had an appointment on the Thursday with his doctors, and received a letter on the Sunday for another appointment the following Thursday, and it happened on the Wednesday."

He added: "He was very alert mentally. Sometimes he could be stubborn. He knew his own mind 100 per cent.

"He worked down the pits for a while and for the 20 years before he retired he worked in a brickyard.

"He was just a really nice chap."

Patrick Barnes-Jones, from West Midlands Ambulance Service, attended the scene on April 9. He said: "We had responded to a re-

By Jon Pritchard

port of someone in the street covered in blood.

"It became evident that he had shot himself. He was completely conscious and we had to keep him upright to stop the blood from blocking his airway.

"I did ask him what had happened and he said he had tried to end it all."

The inquest heard that Mr Jones, of Roberts Green Road, was a keen sportsman who enjoyed game shooting, but had not officially owned a gun since 2007.

DC Simon Pittaway said: "We found a single-barrelled Harrington and Richardson shotgun. There was blood in the sitting room where he had been treated, and also a lot of blood on the bottom two steps of the stairs, where I believe he had shot himself."

Robin Balmain, senior coroner for the Black Country, said: "This is very sad. I am satisfied there was no third party involved and Mr Jones shot himself."

He ruled that Mr Jones died from a cardiac arrest due to severe haemorrhaging due to a gunshot injury.

# Searching for new hospital governors

A CAMPAIGN has been launched to find new hospital governors. Members of the public and staff are being invited to stand for election for The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust's Council of Governors.

Governors aim to provide a link between the hospital trust and the communities who use its services.

There are vacancies Central Dudley, Brierley Hill, Halesowen, North Dudley, South Staffordshire and Wyre Forest, Tipton and Rowley Regis.

An information sessions will take place on Thursday, October 9, from 6 to 7.30pm in the Clinical Education Centre at Russells Hall Hospital. These will give more details about the nomination process and the role of a governor.

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# Battle of Britain air heroes remembered

IT was, as Winston Churchill proclaimed, 'our finest hour'. All ages from war veterans to young cadets took part in parades in Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge and Dudley town centre last Sunday to mark the Battle of Britain.

They were paying their respects to those who lost their lives during the nearly four-month long campaign to defend the country against the German air force.

British airmen were joined by other nationalities including Polish, Czech, Belgian and Commonwealth pilots in the battle which raged in the sky over southern Britain from July to the end of October 1940.

A total of 544 RAF pilots and aircrew died with hundreds wounded.

Pilot Officer Tim Parkes, officer commander for the 451 Stourbridge Air Training Corps, took his squadron to pay tribute to those who lost their lives at the event in Stourbridge.

He said: "We take part every year because it's an important event for our organisation. The Air Training Corps was founded at a time when there was a shortage of pilots in the run up to the Battle of Britain. So for us it's very important."

There was a marching band in the park and a wreath laying ceremony took place.

The squadron is expecting to take on the organising of the event next year when the RAF Association is expected to step down from the role.

In Dudley Air Training Corps, cadets took part in a parade from Priory Road, though the town centre to St Thomas and St Luke's Church.

A civic service of remembrance was held at the church, led by the Rev Canon Judith Oliver, attended by civic guests, veterans and members of the public.

After the service the parade made its way back to Priory Road where



War veterans took part in the annual Battle of Britain parades held in Dudley



Young and old showed their respect for the dead at a remembrance service

Commander Jon Milsom from RAF Cosford, alongside Mayor of Dudley Councillor Margaret Aston, took the salute on the steps of the council house.

Council leader David Sparks, cabinet member for transport Councillor Khurshid Ahmed, chairman of South Staffordshire Council Councillor, Janet Johnson Chief Superintendent for Dudley Chris Johnson were among those who attended along with Sandwell deputy mayor Councillor Shirley Hosell and Walsall deputy mayor Councillor Angela Underhill.

Councillor Aston said: "I'm so pleased that so many people turned out to take part in the proceedings and help mark this very important occasion."

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A 30-STONE man was winched from a flat window by firefighters using specialist equipment so he could be taken to hospital after he collapsed at home.

Ambulance crews had been unable to lift the man after he was taken ill at the property in Rowley Regis.

It was not possible for the paramedics to carry him down the stairs of the house in Thorne Place.

They called West Midlands Fire Service, who have a specially-trained unit for these situations, to lend a hand so they could get the man to Russell's Hall Hospital.

Oldbury firefighters used a hydraulic lift platform to reach the window of the first floor flat and removed it using cutting equipment usually used for car crashes. The operation lasted for more than two hours.

**Security to be stepped up**

SECURITY will be stepped up at a derelict school in Blackheath in a bid to stop further arson attacks.

A blaze ripped through the former Holt Farm Primary School last month and police have confirmed the fire was started intentionally.

The 105-year-old building has been empty since 2006 and has become a regular target for vandals.

## FOCUS ON BLACKHEATH & ROWLEY REGIS

# Speed tables scheme to slow traffic on busy route

**A £75,000 traffic calming scheme will be implemented along a busy road in Rowley Regis in the wake of concerns over speeding motorists.**

The measures follow a petition concerning the speeding traffic and amount of anti-social behaviour, mainly from speeding riders on scooters, as well as the number of accidents along Harvest Road.

A five-year analysis of the road revealed five accidents resulted in injury but there may have been more unreported accidents.

Letters were delivered to over 200 properties along the road and only one objection was received. The objection was from a resident concerned about possible drainage issues a speed table outside their home could cause and suggested a mini roundabout as an alternative. The council met with the resident but the plans will go ahead despite the objection.

The scheme includes new signage, a cycle route and several new speed tables to slow traffic down.

Councillor Maria Crompton, cabinet member for highways and environment, said: "The measures will be implemented because of the

By Charlie Benton

safety concerns brought to our attention.

"The petition was brought to us purely because of the concern for the number of accidents and the residents' concern about the speed of vehicles travelling up and down the road. Traffic goes too fast in one direction and way too fast in the other.

"The funds will in fact come from the Local Transport Capital Plan so it is not money coming out of the council's pocket. The money is there and we can do it."

Councillor Crompton added: "I believe the benefits will be overwhelmingly positive. These measures need to be implemented to keep residents and children safe and avoid further accidents."



Injured on the High Street — Lorraine Clulow and Lottie Clulow-Field from Halesowen

## Gran and girl injured by BMW

POLICE are seeking a motorist after a woman and her 18-month-old granddaughter were injured when they were struck by a car in Blackheath High Street.

The driver, a woman aged around 60, stopped and asked if they were okay but then drove off without leaving her details after the incident at around 10am on September 22.

Lorraine Clulow, 51, who runs Cameo hair salon, was crossing the High Street with little Lottie Clulow-Field when they were hit by a green BMW. Mrs Clulow managed to shield the toddler from the impact, which left both of them hospitalised with broken bones and bruising. Lottie's parents, Jayden and Gemma, flew back from their honeymoon in Portugal when told what happened.

## Anti-crime blitz for the town

A SIX-WEEK crackdown on crime and anti-social behaviour across Sandwell has been launched — including a campaign in Rowley Regis for a week starting October 13.

Safer 6 will be seen by the council, fire service, police and health organisations joining forces to tackle a range of issues. These will include sprucing up 'grot spots' and offering crime prevention advice.

Police will step up patrols and there will also be rogue trader crackdowns and firework safety work.

The campaign, which is in its fifth year, will run from this week until November 9.

Councillor Mahboob Hussain, Sandwell Council deputy leader, said: "We are all working together to keep our communities safe."

## Police meet the public

RESIDENTS will be able to air their views at two police meetings later this month.

Police surgeries will take place at Blackheath Central Methodist Church, High Street, on October 10 and 17.

The meetings will both run from 10am until noon.

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# Bosses in a re-think over cull of park geese

**SANDWELL Council has announced a re-think of the way it controls the number of geese in its parks following a protest by more than 2,000 people.**

More than 200 geese have been removed from three parks and killed by Sandwell Council in the past two years as part of the management of the bird population.

## Video

But video released of pest control workers ushering the birds into a van in Victoria Park in Tipton created a furore amongst animal lovers.

It sparked a petition by Ian Carroll, from Sandwell Swanwatch, opposing the culling of the Canadian geese and calling on Sandwell Council to end the practice.

So far, 2,323 people have signed the document. When it reaches 3,000 signatures it will be sent to the council.

Since then, the council announced it was having a re-think over the way it manages the geese population.



Geese are part of the scene in Sandwell

Councillor Maria Crompton, Sandwell Council's cabinet member for highways and environment, said: "There is only a specific period in the year when the geese population can be reduced and this is during their moult sometime during May and June, therefore we have no plans to reduce the

geese population at this present time. We are presently gauging public reaction and we will review our approach to the management of geese numbers during the coming months."

In a written document attached to the petition, the group said it aimed to stop the council culling the geese and to promote education on the birds' behaviour.

## Information

In a Freedom of Information request to the council, Mr Carroll found the council culled 150 geese in 2013 from Dartmouth Park in West Bromwich and Victoria Park in Tipton, with a further 70 being culled this year from Victoria Park.

The council maintained that the killings were carried out as humanely as possible and only as a last resort.

The move by Sandwell Council to re-think has been welcomed by an animal welfare group. Bishopwood Swan Rescue, based near Stourport, deals with injured birds in the West Midlands.

Founder Sandy Lee said: "I don't support the idea of culling the animals. Everything has the right to live."

## New name and fresh look for arena



The new glass-fronted look of the soon to be named Barclaycard Arena in Birmingham city centre

ONE of the world's biggest stars, Michael Bublé, will be ushering in a new era for the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham at it unveils a new look and a new name.

The venue that has since 1991 hosted everything from Gladiators to the Harlem Globetrotters, Disney On

Ice to Miley Cyrus, will from December 2 be known as the Barclaycard Arena.

The change in moniker will be launched by Canadian crooner Bublé with two special performances on December 2 and 3, which mark the culmination of a £26 million overhaul that

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## Harmony reigns with singing sisters

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Newly released fifth album Creation hasn't quite elevated the LA-based 30something siblings to major venue status yet but that was to the benefit of those crammed into the low-ceilinged room, who got close up and

personal with one of the best duos on the planet.

Opener Elements set the tone, an anthemic blast of West Coast rock perfectly pitched at the Pierces' demographic, a Radio 2ish audience who probably have Fleetwood Mac and the Mamas and Papas in their record collection. Even The Pierces release on vinyl these days.

Backed by a four-piece band, the spine-tingling harmonies of Cath-

erine and Allison are where the magic happens and were employed superbly on Believe In Me and You'll Be Mine. That blend was heard to best effect on unplugged encore, a cover of Simon and Garfunkel's Kathy's Song.

The sisters, blonde hippiesque Catherine and brunette guitar strumming Allison, have a rapport hard to find outside family. Final encore, the aptly named Glorious, showed that this sister act can be enchanting.

## Sold out success for 1975

1975,

Wolverhampton Civic Hall TIGHT Liverpool outfit Circa Waves warmed things up nicely with their abrasive choppy guitar rock and promise to become more than Merseyside's answer to The Strokes.

But the night belonged to Manchester's 1975 with a sold out gig that suggested the funky groove pop of their debut album has captured the imagination of many in their teens and 20s.

Wilmslow boy Matt Healy, son of TV actors Tim Healy and Denise Welch, has a practised nonchalant air, confidently owning the stage as he swigged from his bottle when not strumming guitar or singing. His former road kill hairstyle has now developed into an unruly mop.

The 80-minute set got off to a flyer with The City and Settle Down but sagged in the middle with too many Spandau Ballet-like sax flourishes and a couple of indulgent dirges. But they were soon back in their stride with Girls before the crowd-pleasing encore of Robbers, Chocolate and Sex.

## REVIEWS

By Leon Burakowski



Getting low down and dirty while dancing are Roseanna Frascona and Gareth Bailey

## Audiences have the time of their lives at Dirty Dancing

Dirty Dancing, Wolverhampton Grand THEY had the time of their lives. The Dirty Dancing devotees descended on the Grand in their hundreds for a show that celebrates and captures the magic of the classic movie.

How could a stage adaptation match the much-loved romantic movie starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey? Brilliantly.

And that's thanks to the care and the craft. The care has come from the way it has been adapted by the movie's writer Eleanor Bergstein and the craft is in the classy staging that is worthy of the West End.

A revolving stage and clever yet subtle use of video trickery enhance the atmosphere of upstate New York holiday resort

Kellerman's, where teen lust simmers beneath wholesome fun in the summer of '63.

Hip-swivelling Gareth Bailey literally doesn't put a foot wrong as Johnny Castle, the dance instructor from the wrong side of the tracks. This contrasts with Roseanna Frascona's doe-eyed innocence as Baby Houseman, awkwardness belying a steely determination to do the right thing.

It is in the set pieces that the show really takes off, the line 'Nobody puts Baby in a corner' and the famous dancefloor lift getting roars of approval from the predominantly female audience.

Dirty Dancing is at the Grand until Saturday, October 11.

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## Oxjam prepares a takeover of city

OxJAM Music Festival takes place every October to raise money for Oxjam and is organised by volunteers. In Wolverhampton there will be events at various venues and October 18 will see 'takeover' day in the city.

A total of 24 local acts will be taking part at four venues — The Dog & Doublet, The Lighthouse Media Centre, The Slade Rooms and the Hungry Bistro.

Takeover manager Jess Hoyle said: "Wolverhampton has some great musical and artistic talent and this is an opportunity to celebrate that while raising money for a brilliant cause." Tickets are £9 and the wristband will allow entry to all the venues. See [www.oxjamwolverhampton.co.uk](http://www.oxjamwolverhampton.co.uk)

## Led Zep tribute is back with a bang

BOOT-LED-ZEPPELIN are due to arrive with a bang at the Robin 2 in Bilston on Saturday. The tribute to Led Zeppelin will include lasers, pyrotechnics and even a 'flaming gong'.

Other tributes at the Mount Pleasant venue include ELO Again tomorrow (Friday), Hi-On Maiden with Sack Sabbath and the Thin Lizzy Experience on October 10, Robert Alexander Giles as Michael Jackson on October 17.

Meanwhile, fans of Elvis Presley have lots on offer with Gordon Kendricks recreating Aloha From Hawaii at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre tomorrow and Lee Memphis King at the Robin on October 24.

# Fourth singing sister taking on starring role in Blood Brothers

## Jake's aim is to keep music real

NOT all youngsters are in thrall to The X Factor, 1D or whatever next act Simon Cowell tells them they should like.

The rise of Jake Bugg is testimony to that, although you will find a few grey hairs among young fans when the acoustic guitar slinger from Nottingham plays consecutive nights at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on Monday and Tuesday.

The singer-songwriter has railed against: "manufactured pop bands — they don't have any heart, they don't have any soul."

There's a hint of Lennon about the 20-year-old who arrived with Lightning Bolt and a self-titled debut album at 18. Second album Shangri La sounded rushed but cemented his success.

It will be worth turning up early to catch support act, brothers Hudson Taylor. Rousing single Chasing Rubies suggests that Irish siblings Harry and Alfie have lots of potential.



Jake Bugg has railed against 'manufactured pop bands' — despite guesting on American Idol

WHEN Maureen Nolan took on the role of long-suffering mother Mrs Johnstone in hit musical Blood Brothers she became the fourth Nolan sister to star in the part.

Creator Willy Russell's dramatic Liverpool blend of music, tragedy and humour saw Blood Brothers become a massive success.

The tale of two brothers separated at birth, but set on a collision course in life, ran in London's West End for 24 years and next year will mark its 20th year of touring. In that time it has become a regular and much-loved fixture on the booking list for theatres nationwide.

## Iconic

The latest version, directed by Bob Tomson and Merseyside-born theatre mogul Bill Kenwright, will feature Maureen Nolan in the iconic role previously played by her sisters Bernie, who died last year after a battle with cancer, Denise and Linda.

From an Irish showbusiness background but raised in Blackpool, Maureen is a member of singing sisters The Nolans for more than 30 years. The Nolans were hugely successful in the 1970s and 80s, enjoying phenomenal record sales worldwide, particularly in Japan where they sold more records than The Beatles.

Arriving at Birmingham Hippodrome this month,



Maureen Nolan stars

award-winning musical Blood Brothers tells the moving story of a mother's haunting secret. The score includes A Bright New Day, Marilyn Monroe and the emotionally charged Tell Me It's Not True.

Willy Russell's credits include hit plays Educating Rita and Shirley Valentine, both turned into successful films.

Blood Brothers will run from Monday, October 13, to Saturday, October 25. Tickets are priced £18 to £38 and available on 0844 338 5000 or online at [birminghamhippodrome.com](http://birminghamhippodrome.com)

## 'Cursed' novel is turned into a play

A SUPPOSEDLY 'cursed' novel is being brought to the stage in Birmingham.

The Frozen Scream is the first play by Tipping The Velvet and Finger-Smith novelist Sarah Walters and was co-written with Christopher Green, who directs and appears in the production at Birmingham Hippodrome from January 7 to 17.

The play will feature veteran actress Rula Lenska, from EastEnders, Coronation Street and, memorably, Celebrity Big Brother.

The 1928 novel by CC Gilbert, in which guests stranded by a winter storm tell stories about a character called Jack Frost, was linked to a series of mysterious deaths. The ghost story aims to chill audiences and is for over 16s.

## Ritz show is on way to the Grand

JUST days after Dirty Dancing leaves the Grand, another big hit West End musical will open at the Wolverhampton theatre.

Winner of the 2013 Olivier Awards for best new musical, choreography and costumes, Top Hat tap dances onto the stage with a celebration of the Hollywood golden age when Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers reigned supreme.

Featuring such songs as Cheek to Cheek and Puttin' on the Ritz, the show will star Alan Burkitt and Charlotte Gooch, who were both in the London cast.

It is at the Lichfield Street venue from October 21 to November 1.

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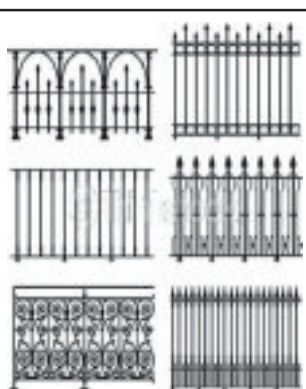
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CHOICE



Mike Rutherford and Phil Collins

**Genesis: Together & Apart (BBC2, 9.15pm)**  
Many schoolboys get together to form a band, but few of them go on to become multi-million-selling recording artists – but that's what happened to Genesis. Its core members – Peter Gabriel, Mike Rutherford and Tony Banks – met at Charterhouse, a public school in Surrey, and began playing together with two other students in 1967. A few years and personnel changes later (including the addition of drummer Phil Collins) and the classic line-up was in place. But relationships within the band were fraught; Gabriel left for a solo career in 1975, and Rutherford, Collins, Banks and Steve Hackett carried on without him. Here, they're back together again to discuss their careers. Rare archive footage helps tell the story.

BBC1

**7.30 Breakfast.** 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) 12.00 BBC News: Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix – Qualifying. 2.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Final Score. 5.15 BBC News: Regional News; Weather. 5.30 Pointless Celebrities.  
**6.20 Strictly Come Dancing.** Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman present the first of this weekend's two shows – and this is when things get serious. There are no more second chances for the ninkie-toed stars – Pixie Lott, Jake Wood, Frankie Bridge, Gregg Wallace, Caroline Flack, Simon Webbe, Alison Hammond, Steve Backshall, Sunetra Sarker, Mark Wright, Jennifer Gibney, Scott Mills, Judy Murray, Thom Evans and Tim Wonnacott – as they and their partners step out onto the dance floor again. Tomorrow the first pro-celebrity couple will be leaving the competition, as their scores from judges Len Goodman, Bruno Tonioli, Craig Revel Horwood and Darcy Bussell are added to those of the voting viewers. But which pair will have performed their last dance? The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm.  
**8.30 Doctor Who.** The time-travelling companions crash-land on the moon, where they find a mining base full of corpses – while vicious, spider-like creatures wait in the dark, ready to attack.  
**9.15 Casualty.** Connie takes a few select members of staff for a day out, only for disaster to strike when their minibus collides with another vehicle. Jeff lets Dixie know where she stands.  
**10.05 The National Lottery Live.** Gaby Roslin reveals the results of the Lotto and Thunderball draws.  
**10.15 BBC News:** Weather.  
**10.30 Match of the Day.** Gabby Logan presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes; National Lottery Update.  
**11.50 The Football League Show.** Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Watford v Brighton & Hove Albion.  
**1.10** Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

**6.00** This is BBC Two. **6.25 Film:** The Falcon's Alibi. (1946) 7.25 **Film:** The Charge of the Light Brigade. (1936) 9.20 The Trials of Life. (R) 10.10 The Trials of Life. (R) 10.55 Map Man. (R) 11.30 South Africa Walks. (R) 12.00 Lorraine Pascale: How to Be a Better Cook. (R) 12.30 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo. (R) 1.00 **Film:** Flying Down to Rio. (1933) 2.25 **Film:** Follow the Fleet. (1936) 4.15 Rick Stein's Mediterranean Escapes. (R) 5.15 The £100K House: Tricks of the Trade. (R) 6.15 **Restoring England's Heritage.** Selina Scott visits historic buildings in in the East Midlands in desperate need of restoration and investigates whether they have a future. First shown on BBC One East Midlands.  
**6.45 Gardeners' World.** Monty Don offers advice on planting onions and garlic and Carol Klein takes first-time gardeners Dan and Dominique to RHS Rosemoor in Devon for seasonal inspiration. (R) 7.15 **Flog It! Trade Secrets.** The team looks into the difference a connection to a famous person makes to an item's value and presenter Paul Martin learns more about the life of children's author Arthur Ransome.  
**7.45 Penguins – Spy in the Huddle.** David Tennant narrates an insight into three different species of penguin, using spy cameras to get closer to the birds as they travel to their breeding grounds. (R) 8.45 **Dad's Army.** Mainwaring and the platoon dress as firemen to take part in an initiative exercise, but soon find themselves tackling a real fire. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe and Clive Dunn. (R) 9.15 **Genesis: Together & Apart.** Feature-length profile of one of the most successful British bands in rock, featuring interviews with Phil Collins, Peter Gabriel, Tony Banks, Mike Rutherford and Steve Hackett.  
**10.50 TOTP2: Genesis.** Archive performances by the band and its members.  
**11.30 Film: The Good Shepherd.** (2006) A CIA worker faces a terrible choice between national security and ensuring the safety of his family. Fact-based spy drama, with Matt Damon and Robert De Niro, who also directed.  
**2.05** This is BBC Two. 5.50 Countryfile. (R)

ITV

**6.00** CITY: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. 6.25 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.35 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.40 Dino Dan. (R) 7.05 Canimals. (R) 7.10 Canimals. (R) 7.20 Om Nom Stories. (R) 7.25 Sooty. (R) 7.40 Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) 7.50 Matt Hatter Chronicles. 8.15 Nerds & Monsters. (R) 8.30 The Munch Box. 9.25 The Hungry Sailors. (R) 10.25 Murder, She Wrote. (R) 11.25 ITV News; Weather. 11.30 Storage Hoarders. (R) 12.30 May the Best House Win. (R) 1.30 The X Factor. (R) 2.30 **Film:** About a Boy. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Toni Collette. 4.30 The X Factor. (R) 5.35 Off Their Rockers. (R) 6.05 **Regional Programme:** Weather.  
**6.15** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**6.30 New You've Been Framed!** Surreal comedy with Harry Hill, inspired by viewers' clips. Andy Murray's mother uses take a target practice to toughen him up, and the Westminster chair takes a day off.  
**7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special.** Radio 2 presenter Ken Bruce, former England midfielder Paul Ince, EastEnders actress Laila Morse (Mo Harris) and boxer David Haye take on a trivia expert. Bradley Wale takes on.  
**8.00 The X Factor.** As the judges' houses stage continues, the route to the live shows draws tantalisingly closer for the remaining 24 acts, who perform in glamorous destinations around the world. Across the weekend, the over 25s try to impress Simon Cowell and Sinitia in Los Angeles, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini is with Timie Temp in the French city of Nice to audition the girls, Emma Bunton helps Mel B select the best boys in Cancun, Mexico, and Louis Walsh heads to Bermuda with Tulisa and the groups.  
**9.20 Through the Keyhole.** Keith Lemon visits mystery celebrity homes and challenges this week's panel – Joey Essex, Carol Vorderman and Vernon Kay – to guess the identities of the famous owners.  
**10.15** **ITV News:** Weather.  
**10.30 Film: Red Heat.** (1988) A Russian detective and a Chicago cop put aside their mutual mistrust to catch an escaped Soviet drug baron. Action thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.  
**12.25** Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.45 ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

**6.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) 6.35 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.00 Trans World Sport. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Weekend Kitchen. 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.30 Frasier. (R) 11.00 Frasier. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.25 The Simpsons. (R) 12.55 Gadget Man. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Ascot and Newmarket. 4.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.35 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.05 **Stars at Your Service.** As part of the Stand Up to Cancer fundraising campaign, this series gives viewers the chance to book some of Britain's best-loved celebrities for any bespoke service.  
**7.05 Channel 4 News.**  
**7.20 Sarah Beeny's Double You House for Half the Money.** A Birmingham couple take a huge gamble with their plan for a double-height extension, while a couple in Northamptonshire want to develop their 1960s bungalow on a £75,000 budget. (R) 8.15 **Grand Designs.** Tracy Fox and husband Steve want to build an "urban shed" featuring two studios, three bedrooms and a double-height space with a walkway, made out of industrial-style materials including corrugated cement fibreboard and 20ft panels of polycarbonate sheeting. Having discovered an old milk yard tucked away behind some flats and shops in south-east London, their long-held desire to build a highly unconventional family home and workspace begins. (R) 9.20 **Film: Battle: Los Angeles.** (2011) The Earth is bombarded by what appear to be meteors, but turn out to be the vanguard of an alien invasion force. As America's west coast comes under heavy attack, a platoon of soldiers is sent in to fight off the aliens and rescue civilians – but the troops have only a few hours to complete their mission before the area is bombed. Sci-fi thriller, with Aaron Eckhart and Ramon Rodriguez.  
**11.40 Rude Tube.** Alex Zane looks at clips whose stars have become online celebrities in their own right. Last in the series. (R) 12.40 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 1.40 Homeland. (R) 2.40 Hollyoaks. 4.45 Deal or No Deal. (R) 5.40 Win It Cook It. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! 10.00 Chinese Food in Minutes. 10.15 The Secret Life of Pets. (R) 10.45 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) 11.45 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R) 12.45 Storage: Flog the Lot! (R) 1.40 **Film:** Patton. (1970) Biopic of the general whose short temper and rugged individuality inspired his men and infuriated his superiors during the Second World War. With George C Scott and Karl Malden. Edited for language. 5.00 5 News Weekend. 5.05 **Film:** Silverado. (1985) Western, with Kevin Kline and Kevin Costner.  
**7.35 Film: Joe Kidd.** (1972) A bounty hunter is asked to capture a Mexican revolutionary leader, and accepts the job after the rebels men attack his own ranch. But when he witnesses the cruel methods used by his employer, he resolves to bring the fugitive to a fair trial rather than let him face rough justice. Western, starring Clint Eastwood, Robert Duvall and John Saxon. Part of the Clint Eastwood season. Edited for violence and language.  
**9.15 Film: A Fistful of Dollars.** (1964) A mysterious gunslinger rides into a town on the Mexican border divided by two warring families. After killing the henchmen of one clan, he seems to have made it clear where his loyalties lie and is hired by their rivals. However, he is secretly planning to play them off against each other to his own advantage. Sergio Leone's Western, with Clint Eastwood making his first appearance as The Man with No Name alongside Gian Maria Volonte and Marianne Koch.  
**11.20 World War II in Colour.** This edition looks at Hitler's plans to push his forces into the Soviet Union, beginning with the launch of Operation Barbarossa in the summer of 1941. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.10 Benefit House: Me & My 22 Kids. This edition of the programme focuses on large families who depend on the benefits system. (R) 4.00 **House Doctor.** Property guru Ann Maurice applies her home improvement remedies to a house in Spennymoor, Co Durham, for the purpose of finding an eager buyer as soon as possible. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 8.00 Top Gear 9.05 Film: Kung Fu Panda (2008) 10.30 Bad Education 11.00 Family Guy 1.30 Bad Education 2.00 Seann Walsh's Late Night Comedy Spectacular 2014 3.00 Impractical Jokers 4.00 Close  
**BBC Four**  
7.00 Yellowstone 8.00 Hidden Killers of the Victorian Home 9.00 Crimes of Passion 10.35 Could We Survive a Mega-Tsunami? 11.35 Top of the Pops: 1979 12.10 Sounds of the Eighties 1.05 The Richest Songs in the World 2.35 Yellowstone 3.35 Close  
**ITV2**  
11.15 The X Factor 12.15 The Xtra Factor 12.45 The Best of You've Been Framed! Animal Special 1.45 You've Been Framed! Kids Special 2.50 You've Been Framed! 3.15 Film: Valiant (2005) 4.55 Film: Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang (2010) 7.05 Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) 9.20 The Xtra Factor 9.50 The Job Lot 10.15 Celebrity Juice 11.05 The X Factor 12.20 The Xtra Factor 12.45 Film: Billy Madison (1995) 2.20 Two and a Half Men 2.45 Teleshopping 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen  
**ITV3**  
12.20 Film: Vanity Fair (2004) 3.10 Film: Gosford Park (2001) 5.55 Inspector Morse 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Film: Death on the Nile (1978) 1.45 World Kitchen 2.10 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping  
**ITV4**  
1.20 Touring Car Legends 3.25 British Touring Car Championship Highlights 5.00 Touring Car Legends 6.00 Storage Wars 8.00 River Monsters 9.00 Film: Moonraker (1979) 11.45 Film: Maximum Conviction (2012) 1.45 David Weir: Sports Life Stories 2.40 Movies Now 2.50 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping  
**E4**  
11.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 12.30 The Big Bang Theory 2.30 Melissa & Joey 3.30 Film: City of Ember (2008) 5.30 The 100 6.30 How I Met Your Mother 7.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 Film: Priest (2011) 10.50 The Inbetweeners 1.40 How I Met Your Mother 2.55 Smallville 3.35 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 4.20 Desperate Housewives  
**Film4**  
11.00 On the Fiddle (1961) 1.00 King Kong (1976) 3.45 Big Fish (2003) 6.10 The Hunt for Red October (1990) 9.00 Forrest Gump (1994) 11.40 The Woman in Black (2012) 1.30 4.3.2.1 (2010) 3.55 Close

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The adventurer returns with a series that takes him around the world to areas that cannot be fully appreciated without considering the vast influence of their rivers, and he's going to explain how those sacred rivers don't just simply flow through countries – they define them. Simon begins at the source of the world's longest river, the Nile, and follows it out to sea, taking him from the Ethiopian highlands, through the desert of Sudan and then Egypt, right to the Mediterranean Sea. He also explains how the Nile has forged some of our earliest civilisations and influenced religions. However, the stability of the region looks uncertain, given that populations along its banks are growing, and Nile countries are demanding greater shares of the sacred waters.

BBC1

**6.00** Live Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix. **8.15** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.15** Sunday Morning Live. **11.15** Sunday Politics. **12.30** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix. **3.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.15** Songs of Praise. **5.55** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **6.20** **Countryside**. The team explores different methods of crop-gathering, following one of the best harvests in years. Matt Baker is in Lincolnshire, finding out how technology is being used to get the harvest in efficiently, and could also help grow better vegetables in the future. Ellie Harrison is in Devon, exploring more traditional methods of harvesting that go back many years, and Adam Henson is on a farm where crops are harvested not for eating but for rubbing on the skin. Also, John Craven announces the winner of the photographic competition. **7.20** **Strictly Come Dancing: The Results**. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkelman host the results show, as the judges choose between the two couples with the lowest scores. With music by Jamie Cullum and Gregory Porter. **8.00** **Antiques Roadshow**. The team returns to Scone Palace in Perthshire, uncovering a 19th-century military campaign box possibly linked to Napoleon and an implement of corporal punishment. **9.00** **Our Girl**. Molly and Smurf return to the UK on leave, but with their comrades facing a big threat in Afghanistan, they struggle with life back home and find comfort with each other. **10.00** BBC News: Regional News: Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day 2**. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, including Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge and Manchester United v Everton at Old Trafford. **11.50** **Film: I Love You, Man**. (2009) A groom-to-be with no male friends goes in search of a best man for his wedding. However, his fiancée does not approve of his choice. Comedy, starring Paul Rudd. **1.30** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.35** BBC News.

BBC2

**6.50** Gardeners' World. (R) **7.20** The Beechgrove Garden. **7.50** Match of the Day. (R) **9.10** The Football League Show. (R) **10.30** Live Athletics. **1.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **3.00** **Film: The Alamo**. (2004) Historical Western, starring Dennis Quaid. **5.05** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. **6.05** **Flog It!** Paul Martin and the team head to the Lincolnshire seaside resort of Skegness, where experts David Barby and Elizabeth Talbot valued items brought in by the public. **7.00** **Jungle Atlantis**. Part two of two. The experts continue their attempt to discover why Angkor suddenly collapsed, using a revolutionary technology called lidar to reveal the true scale and splendour of this abandoned megacity. Deep in the Cambodian jungle, they have discovered a sophisticated network of roads and canals that are the forgotten world of Angkor's greatest king, shedding new light on the dramatic events leading to the fall of the city. (R) **8.00** **Wonders of the Monsoon**. New series. Exploring how the lives of humans and animals are shaped by the weather system that annually transforms an enormous part of the Earth. **9.00** **Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve**. New series. The adventurer visits some of the world's most famous waterways and investigates how they have shaped the lives of the people living along them, beginning with the Nile. **10.00** **Mock the Week**. James Acaster, Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe and Josh Widdicombe join regular panellists Hugh Dennis and Andy Parsons on the topical comedy quiz. Dara O Briain hosts. (R) **10.30** **Oil XL**. Extended edition. Sarah Millican, Ross Noble, Colin Lane and Alan Davies answer Stephen Fry's questions about animals on the first show of the quiz's "L" series. **11.15** **Film: The Greatest**. (2009) A grieving family unable to cope with the death of a son receives an unwanted visit from his pregnant girlfriend. Drama, starring Pierce Brosnan, Susan Sarandon and Carey Mulligan. **12.50** **Film: The Black Balloon**. (2008) **2.20** Sign Zone: Countryside. (R) **3.20** Holby City. (R) **4.15** This is BBC Two.

ITV

**6.00** CITV: Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. (R) **6.25** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.35** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.05** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.20** Om Nom Stories. (R) **7.25** Sooty. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Ultimate Solder-Man. **8.20** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **8.30** Big Time Rush. **9.00** The Aquabats! Super Show. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.30** ITV News: Weather. **11.40** **Film: Carry On at Your Convenience**. (1971) **1.25** **Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties**. (2006) **3.00** The X Factor. (R) **4.10** Downtown Abbey. (R) **5.15** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **6.00** **Off Their Rockers**. Keith barters for a new TV. Sonia needs to be unlocked from her bedstead. Dave referees a football game and Rosie and Mary find out who is the best kisser. Last in the series. (R) **6.30** **Regional Programme**: Weather. **6.45** **ITV News**: Weather. **7.00** **Sunday Night at the Palladium**. Jimmy Carr hosts the variety show, introducing performances by Nicole Scherzinger, Kaiser Chiefs, Tommy Tiernan, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott, and Japanese speciality act Enra. **8.00** **The X Factor**. As the judges' houses stage concludes, the 24 acts pack their bags and prepare to head home, but for the 12 who have made it to the live shows, the competition has only just begun. **9.00** **Downton Abbey**. Violet tries to stop Mary's secret assignment being exposed, the events surrounding Green's death come under scrutiny once again and old wounds are reopened for Mrs Patmore. **10.05** **ITV News**: Weather. **10.15** **Film: Martin Kemp: The Actor and Musician**. The actor and musician talks about finding fame in Spandau Ballet before going on to star in EastEnders, and how George Michael helped him find a wife, as well as land his TV role. (R) **11.20** **Piers Morgan's Big Night In**. Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures, which included Bath v Saracens, Gloucester v Leicester and London Irish v Northampton Saints. **12.15** **The Store**. **2.30** Motorsport UK. **3.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

**6.10** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** Volkswagen Racing Cup. **7.30** NFL: The American Football Show. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** Channel 4 Racing: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Including the feature race at 3.30. **4.00** **Film: The Legend of Zorro**. (2005) Adventure, starring Antonio Banderas. **6.30** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Post Pawn**. Boss James Constantinou and the team appraise more items brought along by members of the public. A divorcee from Newcastle wants to sell her £185,000 necklace to pay for her children's private-school fees, a crystal-covered drum kit used on a Kylie Minogue tour catches the eye of staff member Patrick, and a widowed pensioner hopes to make a fortune from her precious rings. (R) **8.00** **Operation Mankettier**. In Western Australia, seven people have been killed by sharks in three years, and authorities have implemented radical measures to catch and kill any of these creatures that are deemed to pose a threat, but vet Mark Evans wants to help find non-lethal alternatives. He enters the water to attach tracking tags to great whites, joins beach patrol teams searching for sharks and tests a new multispectral camera that spots the ferocious fish from the air even when they are hidden several metres underwater. **9.00** **Film: The Descendants**. (2011) A lawyer negotiating a land deal in Hawaii is forced to take a more active role in his two daughters' upbringing when a boating accident leaves his wife in a coma. He learns she was having an affair, a fact his friends and eldest child were keeping from him. With the two girls in tow, he sets off to find and confront her lover. Drama, with George Clooney. **11.15** **Film: Ghosts of Girlfriends Past**. (2009) A man trying to stop his brother's wedding is haunted by old conquests who show him where his life has gone wrong. Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. **1.20** American Football Live. **5.10** Volkswagen Racing Cup. (R) **5.35** Countdown. (R)

CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **6.35** Seaside Antics. **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.55** Chloë's Closet. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Wanda and the Alien. **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jam. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **10.00** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.25** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.15** Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) **2.10** **Film: Paul Blart: Mall Cop**. (2009) Comedy, starring Kevin James. **4.00** **Film: Big Momma's House 2**. (2006) Comedy sequel, starring Martin Lawrence. **5.55** **Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**. (2005) Children's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. **8.00** **5 News Weekend**. **8.05** **Film: Welcome to the Jungle**. (2003) A bounty hunter is sent into the depths of the Brazilian rainforest to locate a prominent businessman's son, but ends up trying to find a legendary artefact before a crook gets his hands on it. Action comedy, starring Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott and Christopher Walken, and an uncredited cameo by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Edited for violence. **10.00** **Film: The Punisher**. (2004) An FBI agent becomes a vigilante and takes revenge on the powerful gangland kingpin who murdered his entire family. Comic-book thriller, starring Thomas Jane and John Travolta. **12.20** **Armed & Dangerous**: Caught on Camera. Nick Wallis discovers how CCTV is helping to bring criminals using weapons to justice, including footage of a raid by a gang on a west London jewellery shop. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and live chat from the presenting team. **3.10** The Gadget Show. The team creates an assault course to test four leading pressure-washers, and Amy Williams visits Romania to check out an all-purpose emergency rescue vehicle with a difference. (R) **4.00** **Film: Doctor A**. A bland property near Leamington Spa, Warwickshire. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

**BBC Three**

**7.00** Formula 1: Japanese Grand Prix Highlights. **7.55** Doctor Who. **8.40** **Film: Kung Fu Panda 2**. (2011) **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** Bad Education. **11.15** American Dad! **12.00** **Film: Kidulthood**. (2005) **1.30** Bad Education. **2.00** Impractical Jokers. **2.30** Don't Drop the Baby. **3.30** Bad Education. **4.00** Close

**BBC Four**

**7.00** Timewatch: QE2 – The Final Voyage. **8.00** Cleopatra: Portrait of a Killer. **9.00** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse. **10.30** Arena: Whatever Happened to Spitting Image? **11.30** Explosions: How We Shot the Image? **12.30** Wild Boys: The Story of Duran Duran. **1.20** TOTP2: Duran Duran Special. **1.50** Timewatch: QE2 – The Final Voyage. **2.50** Arena: Whatever Happened to Spitting Image? **3.50** Close

**ITV2**

**12.00** The X Factor. **1.15** The Xtra Factor. **1.45** You've Been Framed! Kids Special. **2.45** You've Been Framed! Kids Special. **3.45** Monsters Unleashed. (2004) **7.00** **Film: Wild Wild West**. (1999) **9.00** The Xtra Factor. **10.00** Bad Bridesmaid. **11.00** Tricked. **12.00** The X Factor. **1.00** The Xtra Factor. **2.00** Two and a Half Men. **2.25** Life's Funniest Moments. **2.45** Teleshopping. **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

**ITV3**

**12.20** Inspector Morse. **2.25** Rosemary & Thyme. **3.30** **Film: Carry On Again, Doctor**. (1969) **5.20** **Film: Columbo: Lady in Waiting**. (1971) **7.00** Lewis. **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety. **10.00** **Film: The Queen**. (2006) **12.05** William and Mary. **2.00** Judge Judy. **2.45** World Kitchen. **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen. **3.40** Emmerdale

**ITV4**

**12.25** Ax Men. **1.25** Motorway Patrol. **1.55** Highway Patrol. **2.25** **Film: The Manchurian Candidate**. (1962) **5.00** **Film: Superman**. (1978) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **9.00** **Film: Open Range**. (2003) **11.50** **Film: 8 Mile**. (2002) **2.00** Motorway Patrol. **2.30** Highway Patrol. **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen. **3.00** Teleshopping

**E4**

**12.30** Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. **1.30** The 100. **3.30** 2 Broke Girls. **3.30** Suburgatory. **4.00** Melissa & Joey. **5.00** The Mindy Project. **5.30** New Girl. **6.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine. **6.30** The Big Bang Theory. **9.30** The Inbetweeners. **12.15** Glue. **1.15** Rules of Engagement. **2.10** The Ricky Gervais Show. **2.40** The Cleveland Show. **3.25** Hollywoods

**Film4**

**11.00** The Bandit of Sherwood Forest. (1946) **1.00** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York. (1992) **3.15** A Challenge for Robin Hood. (1967) **5.05** St Trinian's 2: The Legend of Fritton's Gold. (2009) **7.10** Step Up 2: The Streets. (2008) **9.00** The Mechanic. (2011) **10.50** The Kids Are All Right. (2010) **12.55** Neighbourhood Sounds. (2012) **3.40** Close

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MONDAY

Next, Channel 5, 10.55pm

A magician has the ability to see into the immediate future. When intelligence suggests a nuclear attack on Los Angeles is imminent, an FBI counter-terror agent sets out to persuade the gifted individual to use his psychic powers to avert disaster. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore, Jessica Biel and Thomas Kretschmann. (2007)

TUESDAY

Forgetting Sarah Marshall, ITV, 10.40pm

A musician is devastated when his actress girlfriend leaves him, and he tries to cure his broken heart with a holiday in Hawaii. Unfortunately, his efforts to forget the past are scuppered when his ex turns out to be staying at the same resort, with her new boyfriend – a successful rock star – in tow. Romantic comedy, starring Jason Segel, Kristen Bell and Russell Brand. (2008)



Next, Monday, Channel 5, 10.55pm

WEDNESDAY

Gracie's Choice, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A caring teenager has looked after her younger brothers and sister all their lives, while their violent, alcoholic mother is unable to cope. When their mother's self-destructive behaviour goes too far, she campaigns to legally adopt her siblings, while also striving to complete her education. Fact-based drama, starring Kristen Bell, Anne Heche and Sherry Anderson. (2004)

THURSDAY

Goodnight for Justice: The Measure of a Man, Channel 5, 3.15pm

A judge visits a Wild West town terrorised by a band of outlaws whom he witnesses robbing a bank. He resolves to bring the crooks to justice, but an encounter with a local widow makes him realise a young member of the gang may not be as guilty as he appears. Western sequel, starring Luke Perry and Stefanie von Pfetten. (2012)

FRIDAY

Nutty Professor II: The Klumps, ITV, 11.10pm

Bumbling scientist Sherman Klump is engaged to be married and determined to rid himself of his troublesome alter ego Buddy Love for ever. All his problems look set to be solved by his fiancée's latest DNA experiment – but things are about to spiral out of control. Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy in multiple roles, along with Janet Jackson and Larry Miller. (2000)

PICK OF THE WEEK

# Paying tribute to the nation's unsung heroes

It's that time of year again when royalty, politicians, and celebrities from TV, film and the sports field get together for one very special event.

They'll be leaving their egos at the door of Grosvenor House in London's Park Lane to honour everyday folk who have achieved remarkable things.

Carol Vorderman once again takes up duties in hosting the ceremony, hearing thought-provoking stories of heroism and courage with the odd famous surprise thrown in for good measure. There are many uplifting tales of going the extra mile here, which, in a world where everyone seems to be looking out for themselves, restores your faith in humanity.

Once more, Prince Charles and Prime Minister David Cameron will be present and correct, along with celebrities including Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Stephen Fry, Amanda Holden, Tom Jones, Mr Selfridge stars Jeremy Piven and Katherine Kelly, and gold medal-winning Olympians Chris Hoy and Bradley Wiggins.

Launched by the Daily Mirror in 1999, the event touched a chord from

day one. Judges were stunned by winners' tales, such as teenager Sarah Dinsdale, who rescued her mother from a fast-flowing river, and 11-year-old Lucy-Rae Tamulevicius, who learnt to dance while fighting a rare and debilitating form of cancer.

They were humbled by the stories of the bomb victims and rescue workers of Omagh and of Daniel Gallimore, who was blinded while trying to help a man being attacked in the street.

In 2000, ITV decided to screen the event, and it proved a success, with 10 million viewers tuning in.

Aside from honouring Teacher Of The Year, Child or Teenager of Courage, and ITV Local Fundraiser of The Year, the ceremony also gives out a Lifetime Achievement Award, which in the past has been granted to the likes of Peter Benenson, who started Amnesty International, and Nicholas Winton, who saved hundreds of Jewish children from the Holocaust.

Back to the 2014 event, and among those collecting plaudits are a woman who has fostered 1,200 children; Tim Berners-Lee, the British Oxford University Graduate who revolutionised

the planet with the World Wide Web, and there's a posthumous honour for Stephen Sutton.

Aged 15, he was diagnosed with bowel cancer, but spent the final months of his life raising millions of pounds for charity via a bucket list of things he wanted to do before he died.

His cause attracted the attention of many, including comedian John Bishop (present tonight), and Coronation Street's Sam Aston (Chesney). He is one of the folks who nominated Stephen "for all his amazing efforts and hard work."

TPOBA is always moving event which has left many attendees and those watching at home in tears, so it's a good job Vorderman has come prepared.

"It's always a great honour to present the Daily Mirror's Pride of Britain Awards and meet such extraordinary, courageous and awe-inspiring people," she explains.

"This year's winners are truly remarkable and the stories are breathtaking. Some are so moving I will ensure I'm wearing waterproof mascara!"



Carol Vorderman hosts The Pride of Britain Awards 2014, Tuesday, ITV, 8pm

## BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

The Kitchen BBC2, 9pm

New series. Documentary series following eight very different households in their kitchens, as they cook, eat and share their lives. It's late August in this first instalment, and cameras observe the Barry-Powers blended family in Cardiff, as mum Louise struggles to meet the culinary demands of five children, while the Harrars in Staffordshire get passionate about their Punjabi recipes, and single mother Sue Evans and her grown-up daughter Ginny try to keep 10-year-old Gabriel amused in Birmingham. The activities of fitness fanatics Matt, Dave and Xanthi, pensioners Marilyn and Wilfred, the Garbuts family, the Mitchell-Cotts and the Gales are also scrutinised.

Grantchester ITV, 9pm

New series. Detective drama set in a 1950s Cambridgeshire village, where local vicar Sidney Chambers (James Norton) develops a sideline in sleuthing – with the initially reluctant help of grumpy DI Geordie Keating (Robson Green). The cleric's first case finds him out when he presides over the funeral of a solicitor, who is believed to have taken his own life. However, the dead man's mistress has a different theory – and feeling unable

to go to the police, she asks Sidney to examine it for her. He uncovers evidence that the suicide was staged, but while he's busy delving into the personal life of the victim, will the vicar miss his own big chance with Amanda Kendall (Morven Christie), the woman he secretly loves? With Tessa Peake-Jones, Kacey Ainsworth and Rachel Shelley.

TUESDAY

Cat Watch 2014: The New Horizon Experiment BBC2, 8pm

Millions of people have cats in their homes, yet they know very little about them. Are they playful pets, fearsome fighters or deadly hunters? In this three-part programme, Liz Bonnin joins forces with some of the world's leading feline experts to conduct a groundbreaking scientific study using GPS trackers and mini-cameras to follow 100 cats in three very different environments to find out what they get up to when they leave the house. The first edition examines how cats see, hear and smell the world with the senses developed by their wild ancestors, and looks at why this could be making life difficult for them in the modern world. Continues tomorrow.



Grantchester, Monday, ITV, 9pm

WEDNESDAY

The Great British Bake Off: The Final BBC1, 8pm

Over the past 10 weeks, we have seen the amateur bakers whip up eclairs sprinkled with bacon, fire-breathing biscuit dragons and a very controversial baked Alaska. But now, just three contestants remain – and only one more weekend of baking stands between them and the trophy. Judges Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry have saved their most fiendish tests till last, as the finalists face a Signature Challenge in which they have just three hours to prove they have mastered a pastry technique that usually takes a whole day. They then have to tackle a Technical Challenge without the aid of a recipe, before

rustling up a Showstopper that turns sponge, caramel, choux pastry and petits fours into a winning combination. At least Sue Perkins and Mel Giedroyc are on hand to lighten the atmosphere if it all gets too tense. Last in the series.

THURSDAY

Live International Football ITV, 7.15pm

England v San Marino (Kick-off 7.45pm). Coverage of the Euro 2016 Group E qualifier at Wembley Stadium. This is the second consecutive qualifying campaign in succession that Roy Hodgson's men have been drawn in the same group as the minnows, and they secured a 5-0 win when the teams met here in October 2012 on the road to Brazil.

FRIDAY

Lewis ITV, 9pm

New series. The last run of the detective drama ended with Lewis (Kevin Whately) starting a new life away from the force, but it seems that peace and quiet doesn't suit him – which is just as well, as newly promoted DI Hathaway (Laurence Fox) is struggling to find a sidekick, and within just four weeks is already on to his second sergeant, DS Lizzie Maddox (Angela Griffin).

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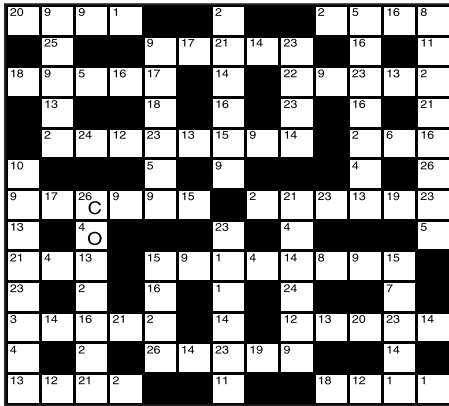
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T	Q	C	Y	W	U	N	M	S	H	B	G	P

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

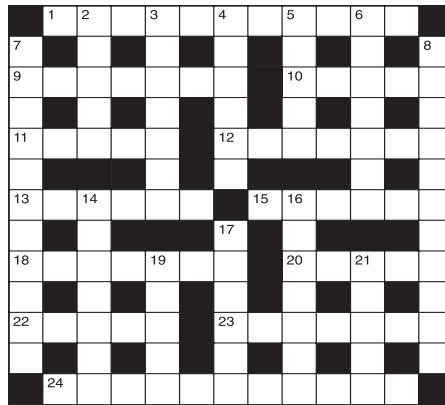
### Cryptic Clues:

#### Across

1. Qualified corn-dealer? (11)
9. One who insists on facts is later confused (7)
10. Enclose a brooch (5)
11. Sailor returned with an article to wash (5)
12. Women have warm regard for his wares (7)
13. Charge back up in time, perhaps (6)
15. For him to laze is unusual (6)
18. The last word in conversation, perhaps (7)
20. Dish used by photographers? (5)
22. A torn stub joins at the sides (5)
23. Odd way to go from place to place (7)
24. Agree with someone as tall as yourself? (3,3,2,3)

#### Down

2. It beats any one of 13 cards (5)
3. Intend to let out apparel (7)
4. Don't encourage delay (3,3)
5. Stage make-up (5)
6. A dog leaps in wildly (7)
7. Literally, it had a very large population (11)
8. It needs to be accurate, even after drink (6,5)
14. Possible purse of plenty (7)
16. Some grass to spare, perhaps (7)
17. He should honour his agreement to the letter (6)
19. Cook and sew (5)
21. A negative in any trouble (5)



### Quick Clues:

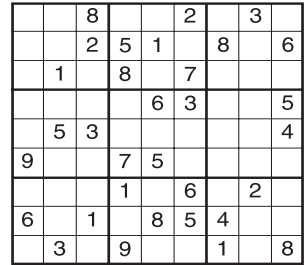
#### Across

1. Strange machine (11)
9. Non-professional (7)
10. Subject (5)
11. Takes notice (5)
12. Succeed (7)
13. Transgress (6)
15. Parson (6)
18. Shorten (7)
20. Hatred (5)
22. Master (5)
23. Eating away (7)
24. Compel (11)

#### Down

2. Declaim (5)
3. Disloyalty (7)
4. Sudden (6)
5. Heading (5)
6. Out of doors (4,3)
7. Stylish (11)
8. Successor (11)
14. Abandon (7)
16. Prospect (4-3)
17. Merry-making (6)
19. Ignoramus (5)
21. Ass (5)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	8	1	6	9	2	7	3	5
7	6	5	4	1	3	8	9	2
3	9	2	7	8	5	1	4	6
1	7	3	2	4	6	9	5	8
2	5	6	8	3	9	4	7	1
8	4	9	1	5	7	6	2	3
5	2	7	9	6	3	1	4	8
9	1	8	3	2	4	5	6	7
6	3	4	5	7	1	2	8	9

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTOIC - Across: 1 Pleasure; 5 Ball; 9 Otio; 10 Ignorant; 11 Route; 12 Lattice; 13 Stock breeders; 18 Resented; 19 Saps; 20 Portend; 21 Turns; 22 Step; 23 Proceeds. Down: 2 Lets out; 3 Ascetic; 4 Regular reader; 6 Avarice; 7 Letters; 8 Loathe; 13 Stripes; 14 Observe; 15 Kennel; 16 Dispute; 17 Repined. QUICK - Across: 1 Adoption; 5 Acts; 9 User; 10 Strainer; 11 Waver; 12 Portend; 13 United Kingdom; 18 Building; 19 Item; 20 Agitate; 21 Stray; 22 Dull; 23 Assorted. Down: 2 Disdain; 3 Perfect; 4 Outspokenness; 6 Content; 7 Serfdom; 8 Barren; 13 Upbraid; 14 Initial; 15 Endear; 16 Gitter; 17 Operate.

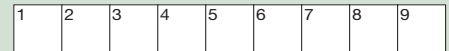
## Quiz

1. Whose only opera was Fidelio?
2. Who was the queen consort of Edward VII?
3. Which US state is known as the Heart of Dixie?
4. Of what nationality was Django Reinhardt?
5. Of which country is Port Moresby the capital?
6. Which boxer was known as The Manassa Mauler?
7. In which craft did Yuri Gagarin become the first man in space?
8. In which Texan city is the Alamo?
9. Of which ballet company was Nureyev a member when he defected?
10. Whom did George I succeed as monarch?
11. Which party is named from the Gaelic for Soldiers of Destiny?
12. Of which city were the Medici a noble family?
13. Who wrote Breakfast at Tiffany's?
14. How is Holy Innocent's Day also known?
15. Which world leaders met at the 1943 Casablanca Conference?

## Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

277459 gives an Indian city;  
658677 gives a Scottish city;  
617337 gives a French city.



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**HALESOWEN, Hagley Road£825 pcm - Fees**  
An unfinished detached house within close proximity of Halesowen. Briefly comprising Of: 3 Bedrooms, large lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom with separate w.c., driveway parking & garage, double glazing, gas central heating (new boiler) EPC: D



**AMBLEGOTE, 41a/b/c High Street£775 pcm - Fees**  
A fantastic opportunity to rent a new build home on a select development 'Crystal Gardens' features homes of 3 generous size bedrooms (master with en-suite) finished to an exceptional standard. Featuring spacious lounge/dining areas, well appointed kitchens, downstairs WC, 3 bedrooms with family bathrooms & master bedroom with en-suite, 2 allocated parking spaces, front & rear gardens. These homes will not be available for long! EPC: TBC



**HALESOWEN, Stourbridge Road£725 pcm - Fees**  
Well presented 3 bedroom semi detached house with large driveway for up to 6 cars in this very popular residential area. Entrance Hall leading to large living room/dining area, fitted kitchen, large private rear garden with open fields at the top, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and driveway to front. EPC: TBC



**ROWLEY REGIS, Spring Vale Road£695 pcm - Fees**  
An opportunity to acquire a well maintained traditional three bedroom detached property situated in a popular residential location in a quiet cul-de-sac close to local schools, amenities and road links. Featuring a large living room, fitted kitchen with a double range cooker, downstairs w.c., 2 double & 1 single bedroom/study. Bathroom with shower, driveway/garage. A lovely property not to be missed. EPC: TBC



**HALESOWEN, Brades Close£695 pcm - Fees**  
An unfinished detached house in a very quiet cul-de-sac location. This property features 4 bedrooms, 2 of which have en-suites, through lounge/dining area, fitted breakfast kitchen, downstairs wc. This property also benefits from a garage and driveway parking, rear garden with views. Viewing highly recommended. EPC: D



**ROWLEY REGIS, Queens Drive£650 pcm - Fees**  
A fully refurbished 3 bedroom semi detached house in a popular location. This house features a welcoming entrance hall, front lounge with a bay window, brand new fitted kitchen/diner, brand new bathroom with shower, off road parking for 2 vehicles, rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing. EPC: TBC



**HALESOWEN, Haden Arch Court£575 pcm - Fees**  
Contemporary living in Halesowen. This 1st floor spacious apartment above the archway, within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre and buses, the apartment features gas central heating, double glazing, open plan living room, fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom with separate shower cubicle, allocated parking. EPC: B



**HAGLEY, Newlands Close £575 pcm - Fees**  
A superb modern ground floor apartment located near to Hagley Village & situated close to motorway links. Featuring an open plan lounge/ kitchen with appliances, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes and en-suite shower room & 1 large single bedroom, white bathroom suite, allocated parking, secure entry system. Not to be missed!! EPC: C



**HALESOWEN, Wassell Road£575 pcm - Fees**  
Situated in the sought-after area of Halesowen is this beautiful semi detached property, perfect for a family seeking a warm, welcoming home. Fitted kitchen with open plan dining, attractive cosy lounge with double doors to the well kept rear garden with patio area, 2 generous double bedrooms and 1 spacious single bedroom, newly fitted shower room, paved driveway for 2 cars. EPC: D



**HALESOWEN, Brett Young Close£570 pcm - Fees**  
An impressive part furnished 1st floor apartment within walking distance to Halesowen Town Centre. Comprising 2 double bedrooms, master bedroom with en-suite, spacious lounge with a leather sofa, contemporary kitchen, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. Well worth viewing. EPC: B



**CRADLEY HEATH, Mossvale Close£550 pcm - Fees**  
Been tastefully refurbished to a high standard and within walking distance of Old Hill train station is this 3 bedroom mid terraced property comprising 2 large double and 1 large single bedrooms, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, house bathroom with shower, gas central heating, double glazing, downstairs w.c., small rear garden, garage at rear of property. EPC: TBC



**CRADLEY HEATH, Station Road£550 pcm - Fees**  
A newly decorated & carpeted 3 bedroom mid terraced house in this popular location minutes away from Old Hill train station. This spacious property has 2 reception rooms, downstairs walk in shower room, modern fitted kitchen, 2 double bedrooms & 1 single. Private rear garden. On road parking. EPC: E



**ROWLEY REGIS, Allsops Close£525 pcm - Fees**  
A very well presented unfurnished modern 2 bedroom home in a popular residential location. Accommodation comprises of lounge with patio doors leading to conservatory, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and family bathroom, electric storage heating. Private rear garden, driveway parking for 2 cars. EPC: E



**TIPTON, Carnegie Road £525 pcm - Fees**  
Modern 2 bed semi detached house having upvc double glazing and gas central heating. Situated in a cul de sac location offering well maintained accommodation which briefly comprises: reception hall, fitted kitchen, lounge, conservatory leading to private rear garden. Bathroom with shower over bath, driveway for 1 car. EPC: TBC



**CRADLEY HEATH, Luanne Close£500 pcm - Fees**  
Wonderfully presented and with its own balcony. A 1st floor modern apartment, ideally located for Old Hill train station and local shops benefits from 1 double bedroom and 1 single bedroom, modern kitchen with washer/dryer, lovely lounge with access to your own private balcony, house bathroom with shower, allocated parking. EPC: B



**DUDLEY, Attingham Drive £495 pcm - Fees**  
A part furnished 1st floor apartment close to Dudley Town Centre. Featuring an open plan lounge/dining kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with a shower, electric storage heating, double glazing, alarm, allocated parking. EPC: TBC



**HALESOWEN, Upper Ashley Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Undergone a complete re-decoration and not to be missed! Set in this quiet residential area close to Blacketh Town Centre is this lovely semi detached home featuring lounge, fitted kitchen with gas oven/hob, 1 double bedroom, brand new bathroom suite with shower, electric heating, parking, unfurnished. EPC: TBC



**NETHERTON, Round Street£475 pcm - Fees**  
Set in a quiet road, is this lovely semi-detached home. Featuring gas central heating, 1 reception room, fitted kitchen, 1 double and 1 single bedroom, bathroom with shower, rear garden and driveway parking for 2 cars. Popular residential street close to Netherton High Street. 2 months deposit and a guarantor is required. (THE GUARANTOR MUST BE A HOME OWNER, FAMILY MEMBER AND WORKING). EPC: D



**CRADLEY HEATH, King Street£440 pcm - Fees**  
1ST MONTHS RENT HALF PRICE! Located in the heart of Old Hill. Ideally situated for local shops, buses and train links is this unfurnished 1st floor modern apartment which comprises of 1 double bedroom, fitted kitchen with a small fridge, spacious lounge, double glazing, electric heating, bathroom with shower, allocated parking space. EPC: C



**ROWLEY REGIS, Oldbury Road£425 pcm - Fees**  
Recently refurbished, very generous sized unfurnished flat above shop. Gas central heating, part double glazing, lounge, fitted breakfast kitchen, 1 bedroom, bathroom with shower, on road parking. Rent includes water rates. EPC: E



**CRADLEY HEATH, Archer Gardens£425 pcm - Fees**  
Set within a quiet complex, close to Cradley Heath town centre and the local train station, is this unfurnished ground floor maisonette, benefiting from gas central heating (Bathroom), electric heating in the lounge and bedrooms, large living room with separate dining area, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom with shower, communal gardens and allocated parking. EPC: C

## PROPERTY

# Potential to make mark at a character property



**A CHARACTER detached house in Himley Road, Gornal Wood, is in a sought after area within walking distance of the village.**

It has been extended and still offers potential, including a garage that could be converted into living accommodation. It is for sale through Swinscoes for offers based on £235,000. It has a porch, a lounge with beams and open fireplace with a log burner, a dining kitchen, utility room, downstairs bathroom, four bedrooms, a shower room, garage and a rear garden with a lawn. Contact Swinscoes on 01902 672274 or visit [www.swinscoes.co.uk](http://www.swinscoes.co.uk)



# End-terrace is located in a pleasant cul-de-sac



**A WELL presented two-bedroomed end of terrace home, 8 Rubens Close, Upper Gornal, Dudley, is located in a delightful cul-de-sac.**

It is for sale through Roden Boydell at £122,950.

This home has contemporary living accommodation with double glazing and gas central heating.

It briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a dining kitchen with space for a cooker with an extractor fan above, a dining area and laminate flooring, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a driveway, a pleasant rear garden and views to the front.

For further information contact Roden Boydell on 01902 881188 or visit [www.rodenboydell.com](http://www.rodenboydell.com) website.





# Faster – greener, leaner

By Anthony Martyn

**The all-new Mercedes-AMG C 63 Saloon and Estate were revealed this week.**

Using the 205 series aluminium and steel chassis structure as its basis, the new C 63 adds an all-new 4.0-litre biturbo engine to give it great performance while unique, three-stage adjustable dampers and a bespoke steering set-up allow it to retain the agility that made the model it replaces the most popular AMG ever created.

The technology applied to the new Mercedes-AMG C 63 is focused on enhancing the performance of the car – to make it as exhilarating as possible yet viable to be used every day. The dynamic engine mounts fitted to the C 63 are a good example.

They reduce unwanted vibration from the engine and gearbox by softening during normal driving conditions – when greater agility is required, they stiffen to improve responses through the speed-sensitive, electromechanical steering and limit unwanted movement in the drivetrain.

Likewise, the C 63 uses a unique suspension set-up. At the front it uses four-link suspension, independent steering knuckles and a wider track to improve stability, while at the rear the multilink system uses independent mounts and an increase in negative camber.

Both are linked to AMG Ride Control system, operating through electronically-controlled three-stage dampers – ranging from comfort through to track settings. Useful for when the latter is engaged, a mechanical locking rear differential for the

standard C 63 and an electronic version for the C 63 S.

As standard the C 63 is fitted with 245/40 R18 (front) and 265/40 R18 (rear) tyres while the 'S' model gains 245/35 R19 (front) and 265/35 R19 (rear) tyres.

At the heart of any AMG is its hand-built engine. The Mercedes-AMG C 63 uses the M177 engine – a sister unit to the M178 found in the new Mercedes-AMG GT – displacing 3,982 cc and equipped with twin turbochargers neatly packaged in the 'V' of the cylinder banks and cooled via a special duct built in the bonnet of the car.

Developing 476 hp in standard form and 510 hp in the C 63 AMG S, it's nearly a third more efficient than the engine it replaces yet, in 'S' form, produces more power and emits less CO<sub>2</sub> – from 192 g/km of CO<sub>2</sub>.

## Improve

The combination makes it the most efficient performance engine of its kind.

A heavily revised version of the AMG SPEEDSHIFT MCT 7-speed transmission features on the C 63 – now with significantly quicker shift times to improve responses.

In saloon form, the C 63 AMG weighs from 1,715 kg while the Estate weighs from 1,785 kg (including fuel and the driver).

Matching the changes under the skin are extensive changes to the appearance of the car – both outside and in. New front bumpers with deep air dams to feed the intercoolers are joined by the unique AMG grille and a new bonnet with subtle power domes.

Unique, wider front wings (to clear the wider front track) feature a subtle 'V8 biturbo' badges above a set of similarly discreet sill extensions.



**Technology applied to the new Mercedes-AMG C 63 is focused on enhancing the performance of the car**

The rear bumper is also new, designed to house the new quad exhaust pipes below a small wing mounted on the bootlid and above the tailgate glass on the estate.

Inside, the changes are immediately apparent, with deep, contoured seats set behind a small, unique AMG wheel and recalibrated AMG dials.

The option of AMG sports seats can be specified along with a range of different leather treatments and trim finishes – from piano black to carbon and aluminium.

Buttons for the AMG Ride Control, optional active AMG performance exhaust system and the three-stage gearbox modes are grouped around the standard Touchpad controller, above which is an AMG badge and IWC timepiece.

The Mercedes-AMG C 63 Saloon and Estate are both available to order in the UK from next month, with prices and specifications set to be announced when ordering opens. First deliveries are expected to take place in Spring 2015.



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# Seat Leon ST hauls in its first towing title

No stranger to the awards scene, SEAT's Leon is celebrating its first – and second – towing titles, awarded at the Royal Automobile Club recently.

Fending off eleven challengers, the SEAT Leon ST took the crown in the £20k - £25k category; the judges concluding, "the load-lugging Leon ST 2.0 TDI 184PS kept its torquey feel and produced punch whenever and wherever it was required." Such was the Leon ST's performance; the car was also crowned Caravan Club Towcar of the Year 2015 and beat strong contenders Volvo XC60 D5, Mitsubishi Outlander and the Peugeot 308.

## Practicality

The Leon ST retains the striking Latin design and sporty characteristics of the five-door and SC models, but adds exceptional practicality.

As well as its capacious 587-litre boot, which grows to an impressive 1,470 litres with the rear seats folded flat, it's also got plenty of useful touches up its sleeve.

Whether it's carrying camping gear, bikes or even fishing rods, the rear seat backrests drop in moments, just at the pull of a lever.

The double floor also makes the boot a doddle to load, and topping it all off, the front passenger seat backrest also folds, for the odd mission to IKEA.

The triumphant SEAT which was put through its paces by the nine-strong judging panel, a Leon ST 2.0 TDI 184PS in styl-



ish and sporty FR guise, romped to victory in the £20K - £25 category and was named Towcar of the Year 2015.

Aiding its ability to sip fuel at a rate of just 65.7 miles per gallon, at 1,415 kilos, the Leon ST is one of the lightest estates in its class. But its towing ability is anything but featherweight. In FR guise with the potent, yet frugal, two-litre 184 PS engine, and a hefty 380Nm torque, it's capable of towing loads up to a sizeable 1.6 tonnes.

Receiving the award at the prestigious Royal Automobile Club on London's Pall Mall, SEAT UK's Head of Press & PR, Juliet Carrington, commented: "The Leon ST's only been on sale for a few months, so to haul in its second and third award in just a matter of weeks is fantastic.

"It's practical, stylish and packed with technological features like Adaptive Cruise Control and Dynamic Chassis Control, making it a great towing partner.

"Hopefully, this is its first of many in the months ahead."

The appeal of the SEAT range for towing is likely to grow even further over the coming months, with the launch of the all-new Leon X-PERIENCE.

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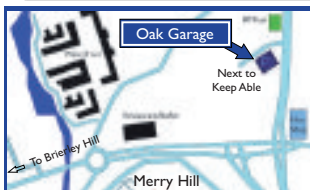
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## George triumph in two leg contest

Warwick & Worcester  
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The George first team had their last chance of winning silverware this season when they took on current league champions KGV in this two leg final, a match that boasted 12 county players between the two sides.

In the home leg The George got off to a decent start with Elliot McGuinness (21-10) and Phil Clinton (21-12) both winning to give The George a 15-shot lead at the halfway stage. Two more winners in Jamie Dunn (21-16) and Marc Wilson (21-14) saw The George finish the home leg with a 19-shot advantage.

The match moved on to KGV for the away leg with KGV starting as favourites to overturn the 19-shot deficit. This seemed to be the case with KGV having the first four winners to build up an eight-shot advantage overall.

The George's Stewart Meddings recorded a 21-6 win to put The George seven shots in front and Pete Davenport saw out his game 21-17 to give The George victory.

## Benteke will need to recover

DWIGHT YORKE has insisted Christian Benteke must be given time to return to top form at Villa.

The ex-Villa hitman has called on the team to help ease the pressure on the striker after his injury lay-off. Benteke is in contention to make his comeback after almost six months out with a ruptured Achilles in Saturday's home clash with Manchester City.

He has scored 34 goals in 67 games for Villa and played a key role in their survival in the Premier League.

And Yorke insisted, despite a positive start to the new season, the returning 23-year-old cannot be expected to shoulder the burden on his own.

# Heathens expecting big turnout for cup final

CRADLEY are expecting a bumper crowd for their second successive Knockout Cup Final when they face King's Lynn at Wolverhampton on Tuesday.

The Heathens, who brushed aside the Isle of Wight in last year's final, are clear favourites to retain the cup after proving too good for the National League so far this season.

They are looking to take a big lead from their home leg against the Stars after beating Coventry over two legs in the semi-finals.

Will Pottinger's men pulled off a fine win at Brandon – sadly abandoned after Heat

### Speedway

10 with ugly scenes between riders and mechanics.

Tom Perry scored a maximum in that meeting and admits it was a shame the incident took the gloss of a great display without key men Steve Worrall, Paul Starke and Matt Williamson.

Said Perry: "We were on course for the win anyway which I believe was brilliant considering the riders we were missing. "I was on a maximum after three rides

and feeling fast as well, so that was a big positive, and all the boys were looking quick.

"We are into the final now which is the main thing, and we are looking forward to trying to finish the job to win the trophy.

### Capable

"We know we are capable of beating King's Lynn as long as everyone is fully focused.

"All the team are riding well and full of confidence so we just need to keep that confidence flowing.

"Hopefully we can put in another good

performance at home in the first leg to build up a big lead and then take it from there."

The Heathens have pegged admission prices for the final at £11 adults, £8 concessions and £2 children – a special cup final souvenir programme will be available for £3.

Boss Will Pottinger said: "It's a very proud moment for us to be through to the final, we are delighted to do it again – but now we want to finish the job.

"We know we have been too good for King's Lynn this season – but there will be no complacency from our boys on Tuesday."

# Baggies foursome at downing Clarets

Albion 4 Burnley 0

NOT since February 2012 had the Baggies won by four clear goals in the Premier League.

And that victory, against Sunderland at The Hawthorns, came just 13 days after another famous victory – the small matter of a 5-1 triumph at Molineux.

Saïdo Berahino was again the chief executioner with two goals to cement his position as the club's No.1 striker.

Brown Ideye might have cost the club £10m and Georgios Samaras might have played in the Champions League. But right now, the boy for Burundi via Birmingham is undroppable at the attacking end of Irvine's team.

The Clarets looked like a Championship side when the team sheet was printed and nothing they did on the pitch could change that perception.

Yet none of their previous opponents, including Chelsea, had managed to blow away the Clarets with the same ruthless efficiency as Albion. So for that, Irvine and his players deserve all the plaudits that come their way.

The hosts forced a series of corners that seemed destined to come to nothing until one of them yielded the opening goal just after the half-hour.

The delivery from the right by Brunt found its way to the far post, where Craig Dawson leapt above Jason Shackell to head towards goal. And his effort crossed the line despite a desperate

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attempt by Kieran Trippier to clear under pressure from Berahino.

It gave Dawson a first Albion goal against the club who, for much of the summer, he seemed certain to join.

The Baggies continued to peg their visitors back in the wake of the opener.

That simply delayed the second Albion goal, which arrived in first-half stoppage-time as a near-post corner from James Morrison was flicked on by Dorrans for Berahino, who nodded in.

The Baggies were 3-0 up 11 minutes into the second half as they finally broke the Clarets' stout resistance to unlock their defence in open play.

A fine through-ball from Dorrans found Berahino, who produced an instinctive first-time finish to beat Heaton with his right foot.

Burnley's misery was completed in the final minute.

Georgios Samaras fed fellow substitute Cristian Gamboa, who tore down the right and pulled back for Dorrans to score.

## Dawson lands new three-year Baggies deal



Craig Dawson of West Bromwich Albion celebrates after scoring

ALBION defender Craig Dawson has signed a new three-year Hawthorns contract.

The 24-year-old completed a remarkable turnaround by penning the deal just months after denning a transfer. The Baggies have rewarded the former Rochdale man for an impressive start to the season by handing him a new contract on improved wages.

Dawson submitted a transfer re-

quest in the summer in a bid to force a move to Burnley, who had three bids rejected, but he was convinced to stay by boss Alan Irvine and has started every Premier League game so far this season, scoring his first Baggies goal against the Clarets in Sunday's 4-0 win.

Irvine said: "Obviously Craig was very unsettled when I first arrived in the summer, but we as a club were never interested in selling.

"We felt he had the potential to be a top centre-back and once he got his head settled and knew he wasn't going anywhere he started to put in very good performances.

"His level of consistency has kept him in the team despite our having top international centre-backs breathing down his neck.

"Getting a new contract, which he thoroughly deserves, completes a great start to the season for him."

## Misery is brought home for Tipton

Tipton 0 Quorn 4

TIPTON Town's Midland League Premier woes continued apace as high-flying Quorn ran out comfortable winners.

After Tipton were shut-out by visiting keeper Laurie Pearson early on, the Leicester side exerted their authority and never looked back once they took the lead on 24 minutes.

Jordan Wakeling headed home Dominic Brennan's corner to give the third-placed team the lead.

And Tipton, second from bottom in the table, were 2-0 down just before the break when Liam Read beat the offside trap and slotted home.

The visitors were out of site shortly into the second half when Read's penalty made it 3-0 on 49 minutes. And the same player bagged his hat-trick on the hour after waltzing through the defence.

James Thomas came closest to a Tipton consolation when he steered Clayton Peddie's cross just wide.

Come the final 10 minutes and Quorn upped the stakes again, home goalkeeper Ryan Hall making good saves from Sam Hollis and substitute Liam Turner.

## Saïdo gets backing for call-up

ALBION boss Alan Irvine is backing Saïdo Berahino for an England call-up after the striker netted another two goals to fire the Baggies into the top 10.

Berahino bagged his third and fourth Premier League goals of the season as Irvine's men thrashed Burnley at The Hawthorns 4-0 to claim their third win in a week.

That made him the highest scoring Englishman in the top flight this season.

Irvine said: "He is a talented young player.

"His movement for such a young player is very good. "He can finish with both feet and he is a great professional.

"He has been a pleasure to work with."

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## Seven heaven for Yeltz in cup

**Ellistown & Ibstock 1  
Halesowen 7**

HALESOWEN Town were in seventh heaven in Leicestershire as they eased through to the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Lyseden Christie became only the third player in history to score six goals in an FA Cup tie, with Ben Haseley weighing in with his first of the season.

That came on only four minutes when Chris Lait supplied him with a cross from the right, but Ellistown equalised on 13 minutes through Ben Harris.

Then Christie took control, regaining the lead for the Yeltz on 27 minutes, as he jumped above his marker and nodded the ball past the keeper.

He then headed another Lait cross into the net, and completed his hat-trick on 42 minutes, after heading home Asa Charlton's free kick.

His fourth came on 65 minutes when he headed home Robert Thompson-Brown's cross to put the tie way out of reach for the home side.

A goalkeeping blunder saw the ball being given to him a couple of yards away from the open net on 73 minutes and he comfortably claimed his fifth goal.

Christie ended the scoring on 83 minutes.

## Tividale are put out of cup

**Leek Town 1 Tividale 0**

THE third meeting between these two teams ended with a single goal putting Tividale out of the FA Cup on Wednesday night.

Tividale travelled to Leek for the replay after their recent 2-2 draw. After losing to the Staffordshire 2-1 in the league last week, Tividale were pegged back late on in Saturday's Cup clash.

The visitors took the lead on 19 minutes through striker Andy Kinsey.

Jazz Luckie was brought down by Darren Chadwick and Foster made no mistake from the spot despite Moorhead getting a fingertip to his shot.

Mitchell Botfield put Tividale 2-1 up after Taylor-Boyce's shot had been beaten out by Moorhead.

Leek were awarded a penalty for handball and Johnson calmly stepped up.

## Old Hales lift the curse of Sutton at Grove

**Old Halesonians 29  
Sutton Coldfield 10**

Old Hales banished the Voodoo of Sutton in great style at Wassell Grove.

After 22 minutes the home side were awarded a penalty which Chris Hooper converted. Two minutes later Sutton fought back and won a line out on the home 15 metre line and drove for a deserved converted try.

Hales again worked back into the game using Nathan Jones at scrum half A driving maul into the Sutton five metre line saw Nigel Burrows score with Hooper convert-

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ing. Three minutes later from the kick off Hales stand off Steve Powell received a yellow card for offside. Sutton made the best of the advantage to force another penalty.

Visions of previous weeks when Hales have allowed opposition back into games was clearly in their minds, a positive side came out in the second half. However 7 minutes into the second half Hales second row Tom King received a red card for a retaliatory punch, reducing the team to 14 for

the rest of the game. Three minutes later Sutton had a player in the sin bin, which equalled the sides again for 10 minutes. Sutton were in the ascendancy with strong attacking by forwards and backs, the Hales defence stood strong with telling tackles by all, particularly Carl Robinson, Tom Jordan, Rich Taylor, Nigel Burrows and Owen Jones.

Hales worked their way back into the Sutton half. Breese made another telling break through the Sutton defence, made ground and fed the supporting Fitzgerald. In his inimitable style he evaded many

tackles and scored a great try. Hooper converted. In the second half Hooper scored and converted.

With 10 minutes to go Hales needed to retain the pressure and did just that, tactically kicking to the corners and retaining the ball with player coach Mark Evans guiding the way. A change in personnel for the home side saw little change from Hales as they continued to dominate in all departments.

On 75 minutes Nathan Jones took the ball over for a well deserved try and bonus point to lead 29 -10.

## Hoping to build on win

OLD HALESONIANS will hope to build on the boost of a victory over Sutton Coldfield as they face a tough fixture against newly-promoted Peterborough Lions.

Director of rugby Gary Cox was delighted with the win against their local rivals in National League Three (Midlands).

"After a poor start, it's great to hit the ground running," he said. "We've unsuccessfully been trying to beat Peterborough in particular for a long time now."

But Cox understands there's no time to rest on their laurels as the team travels on Saturday. "It'll be a tough test for us, as is every game in the National League," said Cox.

"There are some good names in the Peterborough team sheet after investment. And they've won both of their home games including a 43-0 victory over Longton - who beat us."

Old Hales' Lawrence Breese looks set to be out for a further week with an eye injury while Tom King misses the game after being red carded against Huddersfield. However, with the return of Guy Field it doesn't pose too much of a problem.

## Runner helps qualification

A WEEK after helping Dudley & Stourbridge Harriers qualify for the National Road Relay championships, M50 veteran Paul Waby was in action again.

Running the Robin Hood marathon and despite getting a bad blister at six miles he finished the race in a respectable time of 2hrs 45min 56 sec.

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# HASELEY'S SINGLE STRIKE IS ENOUGH

**Halesowen Town 1 Coventry City 0**

**BEN Haseley's first home goal of the season gave Halesowen a deserved victory in the first round of the Birmingham Senior Cup.**

The Yeltz were up against the youthful Coventry opposition. Haseley made Halesowen's intentions known when he flashed a shot across goal just 15 seconds into the game.

Strike partner Lyseden Christie was then unlucky when he saw his seventh minute shot strike the underside of the Coventry crossbar against his former club.

Ten minutes later Christie went close again after getting the better of his marker Luke Bromley, only to stab his final shot just wide.

### Possession

As the Yeltz enjoyed plenty of possession, visiting goalkeeper Jake Richards collected a 23rd minute effort from Robert Thompson-Brown and then saved when Haseley turned well to shoot after half an hour of the game passing.

A series of Yeltz corners followed and as half-time approached Richards saved a further Haseley effort at full stretch.

But lively Chris Lait still found time in the first half to put a good ball across the Coventry goal.

After further Yeltz pressure at the start of the second half, Haseley was finally rewarded for his hard work by slotting home the 61st minute winner after Chris-

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tie pulled the ball back from the byline.

Coventry had little to show in terms of goal-scoring chances all evening despite their neat play and Yeltz goalkeeper Haydn Whitcombe enjoyed a trouble-free home debut.

Indeed, it was visiting goalkeeper Richards who saved the day again by snatching Tom Tonks' long throw away from fellow substitute Elliott Turner after 74 minutes.

Coventry eventually threatened when substitute Bassala Sambou headed over the home bar a minute later.

But Haseley then rounded off the evening by watching his long-range effort fall wide and Christie blasted a wide-angled effort at goal as Halesowen's confidence visibly increased.

**Halesowen Town:** H. Whitcombe; Green, Griffiths, Forde (Bragoli 14), Hull(c), Tilt (Tonks 68), Robinson, Thompson-Brown (Turner 71), Christie, Haseley, Lait.

**Unused Subs:** Charlton, Sargeant.

## Heathens hand out thumping to Mildenhall



Paul Starke leads Dan Halsey during the match. Picture John Hipkiss photography

CRADLEY have one foot in the National League Grand Final after a stunning 68-27 thumping of Mildenhall at Monmore.

The defending champions were in flying form as they put in another dominant display on home soil last night to build up a huge advantage ahead of the second leg at West Row on Sunday.

From the moment Nathan Greaves fended off Simon Lambert

to join Steve Worrall at the front for a Heathens 5-1 in the opening race of the night they looked on course for a crushing win.

And so it proved as they put in a superb all-around team performance, providing 14 race winners and running no last places on their way to their 19th consecutive win in all competitions.

All-action youngster Max Clegg proved perhaps the pick of the bunch.

Worrall successfully defended his Bronze Helmet Match Race title.

**Cradley:** Steve Worrall 15, Paul Starke 13+2, Max Clegg 12, Matt Williamson 8+2, Danny Phillips 7+4, Nathan Greaves 7+2, Tom Perry 6.

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